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Featuring The Annual Summit on Disabilities

June 15-17, 2012
The Hilton Orlando
Orlando, Florida



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

June 15, 2012



Greetings!

On behalf of the great people of Florida, I welcome you to the Sunshine State for the 14th Annual Family Café at the Hilton Orlando. As Floridians, we pride ourselves on offering the best state in the nation for families to vacation, people to meet and for businesses to succeed. While in the Sunshine State, be sure to enjoy everything our beautiful state has to offer including the warm weather and excellent beaches.

The 14th Annual Family Café promises to be a great event, organized by a foundation dedicated to a noble goal and I encourage you to take advantage of everything this program has to offer. It is great to see this year's event including an employment expo because it is important that all job seekers have the ability to advance their skills and learn about career opportunities. Creating jobs for Floridians is my top priority and I remain focused on expanding our economy to ensure that every person who wants a job can find successful employment.

As Governor of this wonderful state, I am blessed to have the opportunity to work every day to ensure that Florida is the best state in the nation for people to live, work and visit. I know this will be a successful event and we are all committed to ensuring that those with disabilities have every opportunity to prosper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

The 14th Annual Family Café



Dear Family Café Attendees,
Welcome to Orlando and The 14th Annual Family Café!

The Annual Family Café is a three-day statewide event designed to meet the need for information and networking among people with disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families here in Florida. The Family Café Planning Committee, which is comprised of self-advocates, family members, fellow non-profits and state agency partners, plays a central role in planning The Annual Family Café. It is our mission to provide you and your family with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment in a family-centered environment.

We are excited to be at a brand new location this year, the Hilton Orlando, which is conveniently located near International Drive. We hope you have an opportunity to take advantage of everything the hotel has available for its guests, including the wide variety of dining options and the zero-entry pool. If you have any questions on getting around our new host site, please let one of us know, and we will be happy to help you.

This year's Family Café promises to be another exciting, informative and action-packed event. Once again it will include a wide range of breakout sessions on a number of subjects, with a number of those sessions organized into "tracks." They include Military Families, Smart Money, Mental Health, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Advocacy, Youth, Recreation, and Birth to Age Five. The tracked sessions are indicated by special graphics in the program.

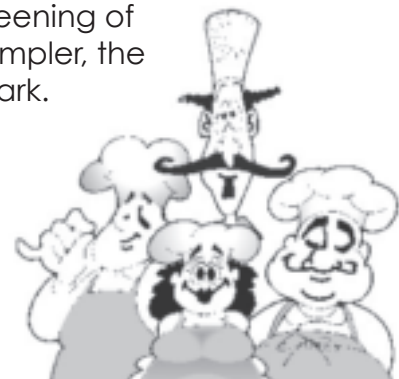
We are also excited to have a full Exhibit Hall with dozens of booths this year. Friday in the Exhibit Hall will feature an Employment Expo, where attendees can sharpen their job search skills. Saturday our friends from Gatorland will be on hand to show off some of their animal friends. The Exhibit Hall also features a host of self-advocate owned and operated Micro-Enterprises, so please plan on showing your support for their efforts by visiting their booths.

This year's Annual Family Café also includes a great series of Keynotes and special events, with nationally known parent advocate Julie Beckett appearing on Friday morning, and a visit from the National Council on Disability (NCD) and Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy within the Office of Public Engagement at the White House Kareem Dale, at The Annual Summit on Disabilities on Friday evening.

Our Saturday will feature a "Celebration of Life" to remember the members of the Café family that we have lost over the year. Sunday will include another "Sportsability Sampler" brought to us by our friends at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, including a Rubber Duck Race on the Hilton's lazy river. Afterward, plan on joining us for an exclusive screening of the new documentary film *Wall: The Journey Up*, which stars Stephen Wampler, the first person with Cerebral Palsy to climb El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.

There's a lot going on this weekend, and we sincerely hope that your participation in The 14th Annual Family Café leaves you feeling informed, educated and empowered. And as always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Yours,
The Family Café Planning Committee







Rick Scott
Governor



Steven L. Harris, M.D., M.Sc.
Interim State Surgeon General

April 26, 2012

Dear Family Café Conference Participants:

As the Interim State Surgeon General, I welcome you to the 14th Annual Family Café Conference! I know that the upcoming days will be filled with exciting opportunities for you to learn about new resources while connecting with other families and community partners around the state. There will be educational sessions and informative exhibits. You will speak with and learn from other participants and presenters.

During the conference you will be able to learn more about the special programs within the Department of Health, such as Children's Medical Services (CMS). You will see how these programs impact Floridians with disabilities and special health care needs. With the delivery of quality public health services in the communities, we work to protect and promote the health and safety of all residents and visitors. Learn more about the Florida Department of Health by visiting us online at <http://floridahashealth.com>.

The Department of Health is proud of what Family Café provides individuals with disabilities during this important event and we look forward to once again working together with the Family Café. Please continue to let us know how we can help support Floridians with disabilities and special health care needs.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Harris, M.D., M.Sc.
Acting State Surgeon General

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State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

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David E. Wilkins
Secretary

Dear Family Café Participants:

On behalf of the Department of Children and Families, it is my great honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 14th Annual Family Café and the Annual Summit on Disabilities.

You have a unique opportunity over the next few days to learn from Floridians facing the challenge of disabilities, and those who serve them, about innovative new services and supports, existing resources, and important benefits. More importantly, you will hear inspiring stories of success from those who are engaged in meaningful, productive activities each day.

The Department of Children and Families is committed to becoming a world class agency through the use of technologies, evidence based practices, and empowering supports that help all those we serve achieve independence and self-sufficiency. We are constantly learning from those we serve, and those who advocate for them, about ways we can make this possible. We are committed to working with individuals we serve jointly with the Agency for Persons with Disability to ensure that services and supports are accessible to everyone.

Please enjoy your time at this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

David E. Wilkins
Secretary

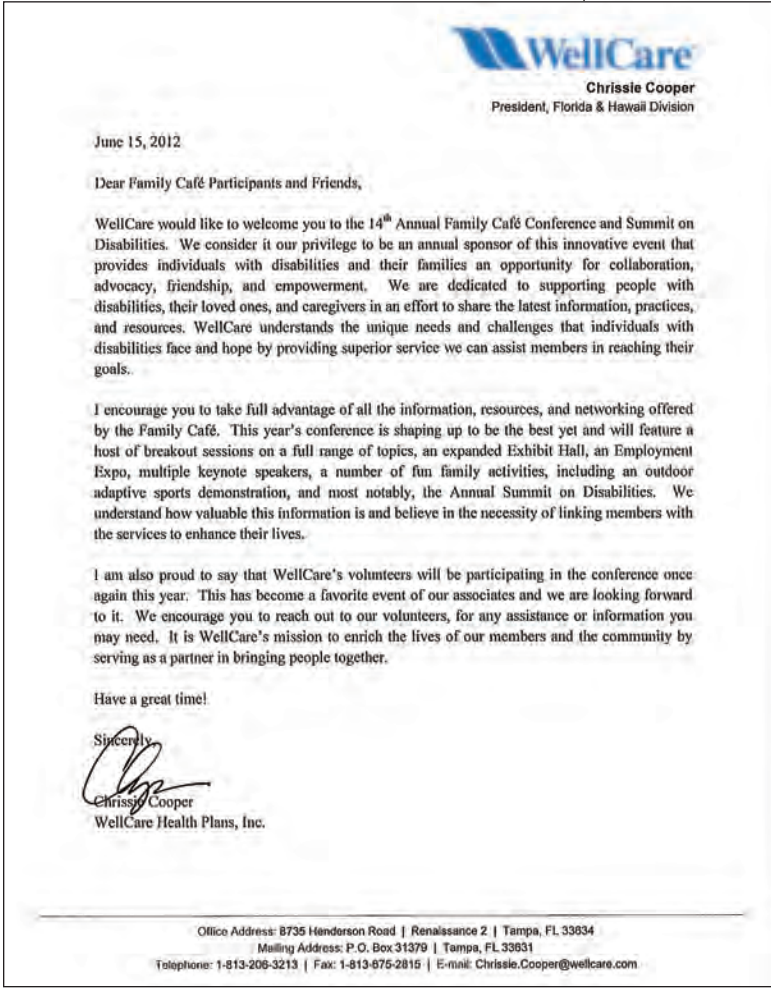
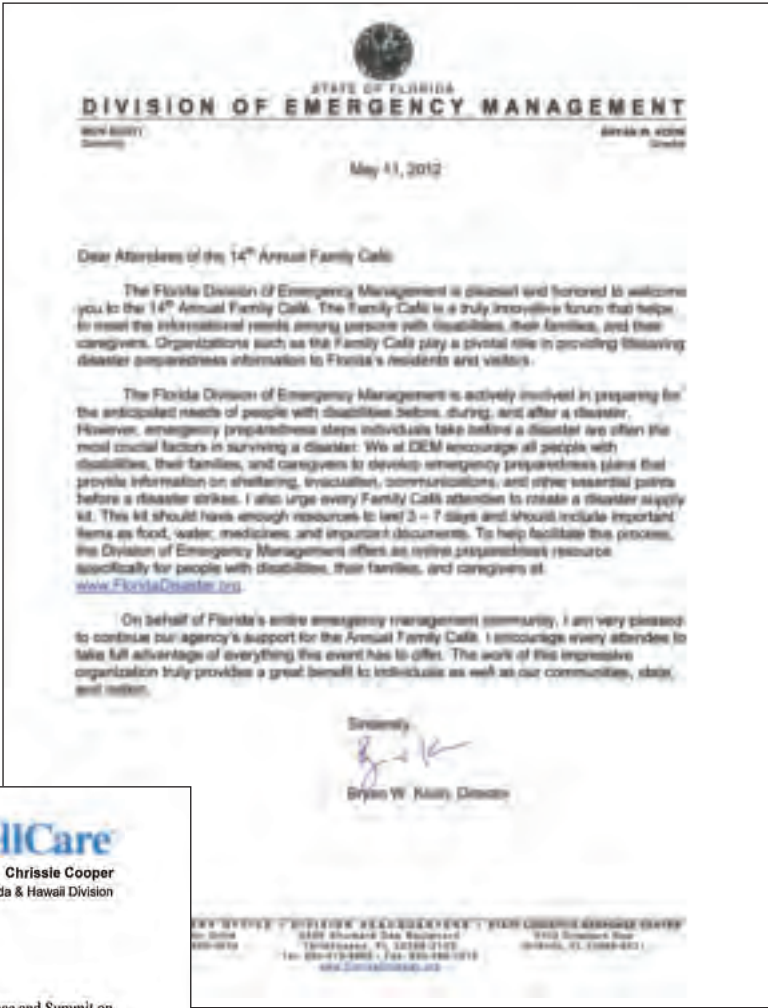
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The Family Café

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Sign language interpreters available at Turkey Lake room across from Convention Registration, courtesy of the Center for Independent Living.

Scooter and wheelchair rental is available on the lower level, next to the Exhibit Hall, courtesy of Colonial Medical Supplies.

● Some of the sessions at this year's event have been organized into "tracks" based on subject. This key will help you to identify the "tracked" sessions.

Advocacy



Youth



Employment



Disaster Preparedness



Military



Recreation



Mental Health



Smart Money



Birth Through Age Five



Friday, June 15, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

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Pyramid Players, Foyer

Opening Session & Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Registration Open, Convention Registration

Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup, Orlando V (English and Spanish)

Dental Screening, Orange Ballroom

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Communication from a Child's Point of View

Lake Concord A

So What's the Big IDEA?

Lake Concord B

Introduction to NPTV – The Key Network

Lake Down A

FloridaHealthFinder.gov

Lake Down B

Money Smart

Lake Eola A



Bullying Prevention Basics: What Do We Need to Know?

Lake Eola B

Novel Treatment Approaches for Autism: How Genes and Environment Contribute to Brain Inflammation and Symptoms

Lake Florence A

Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Choice!

Lake Florence B

What's a TATS?

Lake George A



Join the Revolution: Start a 4-H Club

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Making Sense of Sensory Integration

Lake Hart A

We Are More Alike Than Different: Bring It On

Lake Highland A



Understanding Military Culture

Lake Highland B



Self-Determination and Leadership for All

Lake Louise A

BrainChild Free Tutoring Project

Lake Louise B



Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Lake Mizell B

What Can You Do to Have a Successful and Meaningful Transition IEP?

Lake Monroe

Multidisciplinary Assessment and Management of Spasticity

Lake Nona A

Navigating Residential Placements: Family Advocacy for Child Rights

Lake Nona B

Restraint and Seclusion: What's New in the Law and How Can I Protect My Child?

Lake Sheen B

iBudget Florida – The Waiver of the Future

Orlando IV



Early Steps, Early Wishes

Orlando V



Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim.net with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Quiet Pool

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Have a Good Day!

Lake Concord A

Project 10: Transition Education Network

Lake Concord B

Childhood Lead Poisoning Data and the Florida Tracking Program

Lake Down A



Disability Rights Florida ... How Can We Help You?

Lake Down B



Couponing 101

Lake Eola A

Sign Language Myth Busting

Lake Eola B



A Person with Disabilities Needs to Treat Politics as if Their Life Depends Upon It... Because it Does!

Lake Florence A

A Focus on School Choice Options: What You Need to Know About Florida's School Choice Options and How You Can Make the Best Choice for Your Child!

Lake Florence B

What Fair Housing Means for People with Disabilities, Part I

Lake George A



Needs and Benefits of Accessible Recreation

Lake George B



Helping People Recover from Loss and Grief

Lake Hart B



You Want a Job... Let's Talk!

Lake Highland A



Come Meet Your School Liaison Officers

Lake Highland B

Why Do You Think She Said That?

Lake Louise A

From a Parent's Perspective – My Art, My Way – Why Arts Matter

Lake Louise B

Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Lake Lucerne



Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Lake Mizell B

ADHD Misdiagnoses

Lake Monroe

A Survey of Animal-Assisted Therapies for the Differently-Abled

Lake Nona A

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: The Building Blocks of a School that Welcomes All

Lake Nona B



Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Lake Sheen A

Exploring New Territories with iPad Accessibility

Lake Sheen B



Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Lake Virginia A

26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits: A Practical Approach from A to Z

Orlando IV



Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries, Part 1

Orlando VI

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



How to Improve Feeding Skills in Children

Lake Concord A

The Parent-Teacher Connection: What's That?

Lake Concord B

It's Those Wonderful Rights!

Lake Down A



Disability Rights Florida ... How Can We Help You?

Lake Down B

The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Lake Eola A



PWN? What, Exactly, Does that Mean?

Lake Florence A

What Fair Housing Means for People with Disabilities Part II

Lake George A



Intro and Info on Adaptive/Inclusive Sports

Lake George B

Can I Train My Own Service Dog? Pros and Cons

Lake Hart A



Joyful Living, Is It Really Possible?

Lake Hart B



Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Lake Highland B

John McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Lake Louise B

Just for Dads

Lake Mizell A



Be Ready, Be Safe: Disaster Preparedness for Military Families

Lake Mizell B



Pre-Need Consumer Guardianship, Guardianship, and Special Needs Trusts

Lake Monroe

Aging and Developmental Disabilities

Lake Nona A

Low-Tech and Digital Pathways to Literacy Learning

Lake Nona B



Surviving College

Lake Sheen A

My Child has ADD/ADHD: Now What?

Lake Sheen B



Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries, Part II

Orlando VI

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 14th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Orlando Ballroom

Saturday, June 16, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Registration Open, Convention Registration

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Scooter Rental Available, Lower Level, Next to Exhibit Hall

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dental Screening, Orange Ballroom

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wildlife Show by Gatorland, Orange Ballroom

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Baby Signs

Lake Concord A

The Transition IEP – It's Much More Than Paperwork

Lake Concord B



How to Be Your Best Self-Advocate

Lake Down A





Guardianship, Guardian Advocacy, and Alternatives: Youth with Developmental Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood

Lake Down B



Tax Planning for Families with Special Needs

Lake Eola A

Scoliosis in the Child with Cerebral Palsy

Lake Florence A

APD's Outreach Efforts

Lake Florence B

Engaging and Participating in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Lake George A

Horses Can Make Miracles

Lake George B



In My Life

Lake Hart A

Keeping the Behaviorally Challenged Student in School Learning

Lake Hart B



Autism Across America: Stories of the Autistic Experience Across the Nation

Lake Highland A



Kids Connect!

Lake Highland B

Tourette Syndrome in the Classroom

Lake Louise A

Home Schooling for Person-Centered Education

Lake Louise B

National Council on Disability Listening Session

Lake Lucerne

Everything Families with Special Needs Should Know About Legal Issues

Lake Mizell A



Emergency Preparedness for Individuals – Baking It In

Lake Mizell B

Making the Connection: Medicaid and Quality Assurance

Lake Monroe

Look at All This Paperwork!

Lake Nona A



Outreach to Veterans: Resources and Networking

Lake Nona B



Advocacy 101

Lake Sheen A

Collaboration: Getting Through the Rapids

Lake Sheen B

Meet Monica Verra-Tirado, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

Orlando IV



Food and Fun for Our Brains

Orlando V



Making It Work – Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation [Employment]

Orlando VI



Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim.net with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Quiet Pool

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Orlando V

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Baby Signs – Spanish

Lake Concord A

Parents and School Districts Problem Solving Together

Lake Concord B



Sailing Through Transition

Lake Down A



Choosing Work: Everybody Works – Everybody Wins!

Lake Down B



Developing a Legal, Financial, and Family Vision for Families with Special Needs

Lake Eola A

Sign Language Myth-Busting

Lake Eola B

Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Program

Lake Florence A

Developmentally Delayed and Going to College!

Lake Florence B

Sexual Health for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism: Why is it So Important & What Can You Do About It?

Lake George A

Intro to Adventure Sports/Zip-line for Persons of All Abilities

Lake George B



Practical Skills to Overcome Stress

Lake Hart B

Bullying in Our Schools: A Dialogue for Nurturing Environments

Lake Highland A



Meet Your Exceptional Family Member Program Personnel

Lake Highland B

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated Transportation: A National Model in Florida

Lake Louise B

National Council on Disability Listening Session

Lake Lucerne



Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Lake Mizell B



Advocacy 101 – A Basic Overview of Appealing Medicaid Services

Lake Monroe

Livy's Hope: A Family's Journey of Hope, Inspiration, and Love

Lake Nona A

Dyslexia: The Challenges, The Achievements, The Possibilities

Lake Nona B



Navigating Your IEP Jeopardy

Lake Sheen A

Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Lake Sheen B

Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong

Orlando IV



TEEN APSE: Teenagers Coming Together to Talk About Employment

Orlando VI

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Children's Storyteller, Lake Virginia B

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Low Tech and High Tech Tools for Infants and Toddlers

Lake Concord A

Exceptional Theater Company – Reaching for the Stars (Adults)

Lake Concord B

Hemispheric Integration Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Neurology Approach!

Lake Down A

Barefoot Doctoring: The Heart of Foot Whispering and Perfecting Posture

Lake Down B



Provide for Your Child and Still Plan for Your Retirement

Lake Eola A

Dadvocates

Lake Florence A

How to Start a Social Skills Group in Your Community

Lake Florence B

Introduction to Active Parenting NOW (Ages 5-12) and Active Parenting of Teens (Ages 12-18)

Lake George A

Recreation Assistive Technology

Lake George B



Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Lake Hart A



Family-to-Family Education Program

Lake Hart B

Florida Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Waivers

Lake Highland A



Resources for Military Families

Lake Highland B



You Can Do It!

Lake Louise A

Independent Living and Managed Care ... What Can It Mean For You?

Lake Louise B

Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Lake Lucerne



Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Lake Mizell B

Meet APD Director Mike Hansen

Lake Monroe

2012 Legislative Update and Advocacy Tips

Lake Nona A

There's an App for That 2012!

Lake Nona B



The Real World: Your Life – Leaving Home and Independence

Lake Sheen A

Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Lake Sheen B



Employment Begins in High School

Orlando VI

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Logging Your Journey: Getting Organized and Communicating Effectively to Maximize Your Child's Potential

Lake Concord A

Exceptional Theater Company – Reaching for the Stars (Kids)

Lake Concord B

Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Medicine Approach

Lake Down A

Let's Just Do It!

Lake Florence A

The Face of Schizophrenia

Lake Florence B

Service Dogs in the Mental Health Community

Lake George A



Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Lake Hart A

When the Team Can't Come to Consensus, What's Next?

Lake Hart B

The Road Through Child Find

Lake Highland A

Warrior Speaks! A Wounded Warrior's Inspirational Journey

Lake Highland B

A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Lake Louise A

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Lake Lucerne

Emergency Preparedness for Individuals – Baking It In

Lake Mizell B

How to Develop a Personal Budget that Works

Lake Monroe

Piecing It All Together: IEPs, Transition, and Reasonable Accommodations

Lake Nona A

Successfully Interacting Socially (Youth Only)

Lake Sheen A

Can We Be Better Prepared as Advocates for Our Children?

Lake Sheen B

Karla's Kookies, A Dream Come True

Orlando IV

Encouragement for Today's Resilient Woman

Orlando VI

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show, Orlando Ballroom

Sunday, June 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Activities: Kayaking Demo, Rubber Duck Race, and Games

Fitness Pool, Lazy River

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closing and Door Prizes, Orlando Ballroom





Friday, June 15, 2012

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Julie Beckett is the parent of Katie Beckett, a young lady that was the recipient of the very first Medicaid Home and Community Based waiver, which was granted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in 1981. In the 30 plus years since, the waiver has had a profound impact on individuals with disabilities in the US, enabling them to remain in their homes and receive services while living in the community. Currently, there are over a million people receiving services under such waivers.

Julie has been an active child and youth advocate since Katie came home. She is co-founder of Family Voices, a national grassroots organization of families and friends speaking on behalf of, and with, children and youth with special health care needs. She is a parent consultant to the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, assisting them to develop a broad partnership strategy. She has also published numerous articles, and written a book entitled "Health Care Financing: A Guide for Families."

Julie and Katie have testified before Congress numerous times, and believe deeply in the importance of family leadership and civic engagement. Every family's experience and advocacy can make a genuine difference!

Sadly, Katie Beckett passed away on May 18, 2012. Nonetheless, Julie continues to carry on with her advocacy in Katie's memory. Please plan on joining Julie for an interactive dialogue in which she will discuss how she continues to advocate on behalf of children, youth, and adults with disabilities, and how you can turn your own family's experience into a powerful tool for advocacy.

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**, Orange Ballroom
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Scooter rental available**, Lower Level, Next to Orlando Ballroom
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Dental Screening**, Orlando Ballroom
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The 14th Annual Summit on Disabilities**, Orlando Ballroom

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**Communication from a Child's Point of View**

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Concord A

As parents, we are concerned about how to help our children communicate. So much of the focus is on what we need to do to the child to make them talk. In reality, we cannot make a child talk, honestly. But we can set up opportunities to encourage your child to communicate. This session will help you see how this process works from your child's point of view. I will also be giving you lots of hints of things that you can do to help them on their way to better communication.

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**So, What's the Big IDEA?**

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Concord B

In defining the purpose of special education, IDEA 2004 clarifies the outcome for each child with a disability: Students must be provided a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) that prepares them for further education, employment, and independent living. Did you know that IDEA is based on six basic principles which include: appropriate evaluation, parent and student participation, procedural safeguards, and more? Come on by for this fun and interactive presentation.

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Introduction to NPTV – The Key Network

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Down A

This is an introduction to NPTV-the Key Network. The mission of NPTV is to provide internet television programs to educate, enlighten, and empower individuals with all challenges as well as family members, caregivers, and professionals. We will discuss the current programs offered, including gluten-free cooking programs, physical fitness programs, our Good News Review, companion animals, talk shows, and more. Discussions will be conducted with participants for ideas and concepts they would find most useful and helpful. One month free subscription to NPTV will be provided to all participants.

Nature's Place Therapy Services and Learning Institute has seen a need in providing speech therapy, occupational therapy, hippotherapy, and animal-assisted therapy for information and education to families and caregivers. So many family members seem to feel powerless as driven by their fear and confusion about disabilities, challenges, therapies, school programs, etc. NPTV is being designed and managed by licensed therapists, parent educators, and mental health specialists to provide a much



needed service. The station itself is being employed by individuals with challenges, thus providing not only employment and professional opportunities for those individuals, but to serve as an example of the possibilities in today's society for people who function differently.

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FloridaHealthFinder.gov

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Down B

The Agency for Health Care Administration's nationally recognized website, FloridaHealthFinder.gov, provides a "one stop shop" that allows consumers to make well informed health care decisions. Users can compare quality and/or pricing for hospitals, outpatient centers, nursing homes, physicians, hospice providers, and health plans. The Facility Locator tool includes addresses and driving directions, inspection reports, emergency actions, and special services.

Consumers can also look up a condition or procedure in the health encyclopedia and learn about symptoms, tests, surgeries, etc. The site also provides information on health insurance, Medicaid, and resources for the uninsured, consumer health care publications, and much more.

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Money Smart

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Eola A

Money Smart, a comprehensive financial education curriculum developed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, is designed to help low-and moderate-income individuals outside the financial mainstream enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. Money Smart has reached over 2.75 million consumers since 2001. Research shows that the curriculum can positively influence how consumers manage their finances, and these changes are sustainable in the months after the training.

Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, families, and entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well being.

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Bullying Prevention Basics: What Do We Need to Know?

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Eola B

Bullying has become a serious problem in schools nationwide, and, according to the Office of Civil Rights, students with disabilities are increasingly affected. Bullying can lead to higher dropout rates, violence in school, lower self-esteem, fewer friends, declining grades, and increased illnesses. Youth with disabilities are particularly vulnerable and represent a high-risk group for becoming both potential victims and perpetrators of bullying and teasing. This session will focus on the legislative requirements of schools and school districts in Florida to prohibit bullying and what parents and family members need to be aware of to ensure that bullying does not occur.

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Novel Treatment Approaches for Autism: How Genes and Environment Contribute to Brain Inflammation and Symptoms

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Florence A

There have been numerous papers on various aspects of pathologic processes involved in autism, but they are only applicable to a small portion of children with autism. As a result, there is no sound basis for effective interventions. Instead, numerous "treatment" approaches are often offered concurrently with the risk of causing unwanted adverse effects. I will present evidence showing that innate and environmental triggers can stimulate a unique immune cell to secrete molecules that disrupt the protective gut-blood and blood-brain-barriers, thus permitting entry of toxic molecules that lead to brain inflammation. Emphasis will be placed on one peptide, called neurotensin, serum levels of which we showed to be high in young children with autism, and the highest concentration of its binding sites are found in the Broca area of the brain that controls speech. Based on this evidence, laboratory and clinical evidence will be presented that a unique dietary formulation permitting high absorption of highly pure natural flavonoid luteolin can reverse these processes.

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Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Choice!

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Florence B

Your opinion matters. You can best express your opinion through your vote. Public officials, from the President to the City Council, make decisions that affect you and your rights. In this session, you will learn about your voting rights, including: why voting is important, how to register to vote, how to be a well-informed voter, what to expect at the polling place, what types of identification are accepted, requirements for accessible voting locations, and voting equipment, how to use the assistance of your choosing, and what to do if someone tries to keep you from voting.

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What's a TATS?

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake George A

So, what is a TATS? This interactive session will explore the Priorities, Activities, and Products of the Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS). The presentation will provide an overview of the TATS project, including Florida's Transition Project, which promotes high quality Pre-K programs that lead to positive outcomes for children with disabilities and their families. Participants will receive information and copies of the various products that TATS produces for families, as well as, a tour of helpful resources and links on the TATS website. A CD with resources used in the session will be available for participants to take home.

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**Join the Revolution: Start a 4-H Club**

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake George B

Youth involved in 4-H have been making a difference for over 100 years. Over 230,000 boys and girls from age 5-18 participate in community and school clubs throughout Florida. Youth learn citizenship, explore life skills through over 100 projects, and have FUN doing it! You only need 5 youth from two separate families and an adult volunteer.

Volunteers must be 21 years of age, with a background screening and application. Training will be held in the county you live in. Project areas include animals, gardening, sewing, photography, robotics, visual arts, and much, much more.

Join us today to experience a 4-H Club meeting, a sample lesson from a project, and get your 'Start a 4-H Club' tool kit. Gather your friends and join us for a fun time!

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Making Sense of Sensory Integration

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Hart A

We learn about the world around us by using our 5 senses to explore our environment. Because of various delays and disabilities, some people find this exploration of the environment to become more challenging. Disruption in this sensory processing system can result in various developmental issues such as poor self-regulation, inattentiveness, developmental delays, difficulty with social interaction skills, and many others.

Come explore our engaging sensory environments and take home a packet of inexpensive and simple activities that you can create either at home or in your classroom!

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We Are More Alike Than Different: Bring It On

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Highland A

This roundtable session will feature invited advocate representatives of a variety of disabilities to discuss current areas of focus and opportunities for persons of varying disabilities to collaborate on solutions, leadership, and direction in an effort to promote a more responsive system of care. This facilitated discussion will encourage issue identification, solution brainstorming, and disability knowledge and skill development that encourages cross disability advocacy. Calling all advocates...mental health, physical challenges, special health care needs, cognitive and development needs, blind, children, youth, adults, and other...let's come together and learn how we can advocate with and for one another. Just because systems are funneled into a silo approach to meeting the challenges posed by special needs does not mean we need to as well!

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Understanding Military Culture

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Highland B

The impact of Contingency Operations overseas has changed the face of military service, especially for those in the National Guard and Reserves. Learn about the unique issues that confront our military children and their families and get a brief overview of the function and structure of all of our military branches and components. A panel of Military Partners will be available to share their resources and answer your questions about the impact on military families from deployment notification through the post-deployment reunion and reintegration process. Learn more about the many military web resources and how to access information. Today, the military has MORE for YOU: the FAMILY...join us and learn about these valuable resources.

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Self-Determination and Leadership for All

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Louise A

Self-Determination is the right of every person to live, work, play, retire, and die in the community of their choice. Shortly after Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, I learned the meaning of the Self-Determination movement. I live my life by these five principals, and want to teach others to live by this same philosophy.

Our future leaders will be the people creating policies that will either secure our future or destroy it. We need to be actively training, shaping, and educating our youth to be moral, wise, and ethical individuals. That way, they can make informed decisions that will respond to the greater needs of the community in a positive way. Our leaders' first responsibility is to protect their citizens. As they saying goes, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness!"

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Friday



BrainChild Free Tutoring Project

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Lake Louise B

BrainChild is the unified inspiration of Flagler Palm Coast High School's Community Problem Solving Program—a part of Future Problem Solving International, and the Flagler County Schools' Exceptional Student Education Department. This session provides participants with the necessary tools to set up their own free, after-school tutoring program for students with disabilities within their educational community. By utilizing specially trained high school student volunteers as tutors in exchange for community work service hours, this program creates comradeship, positive role modeling, elevated self-esteem, confidence, respect, kindness, unconditional friendship, and educational enrichment in learning disabilities for all involved.

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**Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items**

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Lake Mizell B

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and use of free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit, and then finally, learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate, or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily that can be used.

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What Can You Do to Have a Successful and Meaningful Transition IEP?

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Lake Monroe

Students, parents, agency providers, teachers, and other professionals are all valuable members of the Transition IEP (TIEP) process. During this session, learn about the important components of the TIEP and how to gather meaningful resources to make the plan effective. Students, parents, and professionals can work together to gather valuable information about student strengths, needs, interests, and skills. Join us as we discuss websites and resources available to assist those involved in the TIEP process.



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Multidisciplinary Assessment and Management of Spasticity

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Lake Nona A

Managing the wide variety of impairments that a single child with a disability may experience often requires close communication among a team of medical professionals and caregivers. This type of communication is a critical, yet often challenging component of medical treatment. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital of Tampa has developed a model to meet this challenge in its multidisciplinary Spasticity Clinic. This clinic involves multiple pediatric specialists, including physical therapists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, and physical medicine and rehabilitation professionals. We have had the opportunity to evaluate and treat 75 patients with varying diagnoses, ranging in age from 18 months to 25 years. In this presentation, we will discuss how patients are selected, treatment options, potential complications, and outcomes based on our experience.

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Navigating Residential Placements: Family Advocacy for Child Rights

Friday, June 15
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Lake Nona B

Speakers will present an overview of the residential placement system for children and methods for parents to use for advocacy. Participants will receive an overview of the different levels of care to include Statewide Intensive Psychiatric Programs, Specialized Therapeutic Group Homes, and Community Group Homes. General and detailed advice will be provided regarding the steps involved in preparing for staffing meetings. Finally, the speakers will provide information regarding the rights of children in each setting with an emphasis on transition to the community. Ample time will be available for questions and discussion.

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Restraint and Seclusion: What's New in the Law and How Can I Protect My Child?

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Lake Sheen B

This presentation will provide information about the current use of restraint and seclusion in school, data, and updates of ESE Policies & Procedures. Discussion will focus on practices, policies, state law, and what you need to know to protect your child. Current policies, technical assistance papers, and ways to ensure your district is complying with keeping your child safe will be included. The presentation will also inform participants of the state law and status of the federal law. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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iBudget Florida – The Waiver of the Future

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Orlando IV

The Florida Legislature approved, and APD has begun implementing, the iBudget Florida waiver. iBudget Florida was designed with input from a broad group of stakeholders including consumers, families, support coordinators, providers and advocates. iBudget Florida is a new waiver which has individual consumer budgets for services, greater choice and flexibility in service selection, less bureaucracy, a role for support coordinators refocused on consumers rather than paperwork, and tools and resources to help consumers and families control their budgets. iBudget Florida began in the northern part of the state this year. It will expand to involve all APD waiver-enrolled consumers in Florida, replacing the tier waiver system. Come hear the vision for iBudget Florida, and learn more about this exciting new program.

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**Early Steps, Early Wishes**

Friday, June 15

1:30-4:00

Orlando V

Early Steps-Early Wishes is a two-hour family fun time that focuses on bringing Early Steps families together. Early Steps is the birth to three program for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays.

This workshop is planned, developed, and staffed by the statewide network of Early Steps Family Resource Specialists (parents of children previously in the Early Steps program who now work in their local Early Steps) in conjunction with the Early Steps State Office.

Some of the activities include: a puppet show, making adaptive toys, face painting, story time, crafts, free play, paper hats, and snacks.

Join us for a fun, interactive start to The Family Café. We will provide you with lots of information to help you get the most out of your experience at the Family Café, so be sure to stop by with your children.

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Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim.net with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to avoid sad water-related outcomes.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer



3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**Have a Good Day!**

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Concord A

Are there times during your day when you struggle with your child? We want to share some ideas with you that would help your child follow directions more easily, communicate more efficiently, and participate in family life successfully.

Through this presentation we are going to focus on a child's daily routine and provide easy tips on how to engage children in positive and constructive interaction with their family. You know your child best, and you have the power to shape your child's behavior, communication, and learning skills.

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Project 10: Transition Education Network

Friday, June 15
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Lake Concord B

This session will provide all the necessary information you need to get at the heart of transition. What is it? What do I need to know? And where do I start? This presentation will guide you in preparing for transition from school to adult life. Find the resources you need and have information at your fingertips. Project 10 will help you learn to navigate their website to find the tools you need. Experienced staff can help answer your questions and provide you with the answers you need.

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Childhood Lead Poisoning Data and the Florida Tracking Program

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Down A

Lead poisoning is a serious but preventable health problem. Lead can be eaten or inhaled (lead-contaminated dust). Children may increase their chances of getting lead into their body by putting their hands, toys, or other objects with dust on them in their mouths, or if they eat dirt or other non-food objects. A simple blood test is the only way to tell if your child is being affected by lead. Lead poisoning may cause irreversible neurological damage. This presentation will include a demonstration of the Florida Tracking Portal (www.floridatracking.com) to access childhood lead and birth defects and risk factor data.

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Disability Rights Florida ... How Can We Help You?

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
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Learn what resources Disability Rights Florida can provide to you, empowering you to become a self-advocate and taking a proactive role in your own life. Learn problem-solving techniques, strategies for self-advocacy, and insight on new legislation that may affect persons with disabilities. Let us help you!

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Couponsing 101

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Eola A

I will share with participants strategies on how to save a lot of money by couponsing. I will provide links to websites that will help them maximize their savings.

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Sign Language Myth-Busting

Friday, June 15
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Break through the myths and discover the ease and benefits of using sign language to stimulate and enhance communication in hearing children. Learn some signs you can use right away. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of sign to begin to enjoy its benefits. Come play and sign with us!

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Friday



A Person with Disabilities Needs to Treat Politics as if Their Life Depends Upon It... Because It Does!

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Florence A

The legislative process is EXTREMELY important to persons with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers. This presentation will identify the agencies and programs directly impacting the lives of persons with disabilities that require funding from the legislature. It will outline how a bill becomes a law and how a citizen can effectively lobby an issue at the district and state level. The goal is to empower the disability community to effectively impact the legislative process through coalition building, education, advocacy, and community outreach.

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A Focus on School Choice Options: What You Need to Know About Florida's School Choice Options and How You Can Make the Best Choice for Your Child!

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Florence B

Florida families now have more choices than ever before when it comes to educational options for their children. But with so many choices, how can a parent choose which is best for their child? The FLDOE Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, together with the Florida School Choice Parent Resource Centers, will summarize Florida's wide array of school choice options. Explore the opportunities and meet individually with choice specialists. This session will prove to be a valuable learning tool as it expands the knowledge of all parents, empowering them to make the best choices for their child's education.

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What Fair Housing Means for People with Disabilities and Their Families, Part I

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake George A

Part I: Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications

Did you know that a landlord has to allow a person with a disability to have a service animal and cannot charge a pet deposit or extra fees? Are you aware that a housing provider may have to accommodate a tenant who may be evicted because of disruptive behavior due to a disability, as long as the request is reasonable? Learn about your rights to fair housing at this workshop. The first session will provide a brief overview of the Fair Housing act and will discuss the "reasonable accommodations" provisions of the Act in detail, giving examples of actual cases that apply to persons with a wide range of disabilities.

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Needs and Benefits of Accessible Recreation

Friday, June 15
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Regular physical activity has been shown to diminish the risks and effects of many health problems associated with a sedentary lifestyle, including obesity, as well as the loss of lean muscle tissue and bone mass. The important mental, social, and emotional benefits will also be discussed. Learn the value of active leisure!

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Helping People Recover from Loss and Grief

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Hart B

Join Licensed Mental Health Counselor Dianne as she shares insights and perspectives learned from helping families work through the critical issues of loss and grief that are faced by everyone today. Don't miss this valuable and information-packed session. You will learn the definitions of grief, grief work, characteristics and causes of grief, steps to solution and acceptance, and finally finding comfort.

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You Want a Job... Let's Talk!

Friday, June 15
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Lake Highland A

This presentation will provide you an overview for people who have an interest in becoming employed in jobs that pay at least minimum wage with opportunities to be included in the community workforce.

Information will be provided on how people who need assistance to find a job, assistance with on-the-job training and ongoing support to keep a job—as long as that help is needed—can receive that kind of assistance. The presentation will help people find funding they need to get and keep employment.

The session will help people understand how to get support from partners such as the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, local school systems, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This session will be interactive and give people the opportunity to have a conversation about their concerns with becoming employed, any obstacles that have been barriers, and help find solutions.

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Come Meet Your School Liaison Officers

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Come and meet your SLOs! School Liaison Officers (SLOs) from multiple service branches and military bases in Florida talk about the various roles of the SLO and answer your questions related to education and challenges with your local school system. Come find out how they can assist you and your family!

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Why Do You Think She Said That?

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Louise A

This fun and interactive workshop explores the four primary methods of personality styles and how they affect communication at an IEP meeting.

Come discover which personality style you are, have a few laughs, and learn some strategies that will make your next IEP meeting a less stressful experience!

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From a Parent's Perspective – My Art My Way – Why Arts Matter

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Lake Louise B

Hear how an arts experience helps parents and teachers recognize new abilities for students with disabilities. Learn ways to bring the arts to your school and community. A classroom teacher states, "Art gives them the opportunity to express themselves as individuals and learn to grow. For some students, these classes were inspiring and a springboard to do more art. For some, it built confidence as they created and experienced success. For some who struggled, it was a chance to overcome their fear and participate in a project where there was no right or wrong. The experience is more important than the outcome."



For over 10 years, VSA Florida has provided an artist in residency program for students with disabilities. VSA Florida teaching artists, experienced in working the arts to successfully reach all children, work in partnership with a classroom teacher to integrate an arts experience to increase learning and personal growth. Along the way, amazing anecdotal data has been collected that demonstrates that the arts are key in helping all children learn.

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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

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One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at The Annual Family Café, the Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Autism. Sessions on cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome will also be held on Saturday.

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Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Mizell B

This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster, and what they need to put in their disaster to-go kit.

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ADHD Misdiagnoses

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Lake Monroe

Not every child who evidences poor attention, impulsivity, and/or hyperactivity suffers from ADD or ADHD. Use of questionnaires to diagnose this disorder based on behavioral observations often results in misdiagnoses, which leads to children and adults being treated for the wrong disorder, often with inappropriate medication. This workshop, presented by Susan L. Crum, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Board Certified Forensic Psychologist, and Nationally Certified School Psychologist, will review other disorders that evidence similar behavioral patterns, how to rule these out, and how to confirm a diagnosis of ADHD.

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A Survey of Animal-Assisted Therapies for the Differently-Abled

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Lake Nona A

This presentation will survey the latest applications of animal-assisted therapy within the context of "eco-psychological" and "nature therapy" practices. It will include a range of animal-assisted options, including canine, dolphin, equine, feline, fish and fowl (parrot). New research is showing activities/processes that mimic natural rhythms (such as rhythmic-riding) can be highly effective and affordable, and can foster with life-enhancing, dignifying, and hope-enlivening bonding experiences and positive outcomes. The value and benefit of animal-assisted therapy will be underscored by an in-depth look at examples from the Children's Foundation for Equine Assisted Therapy, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in S.E. Florida.

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: The Building Blocks of a School that Welcomes All

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Lake Nona B

The heart and soul of a community is the sense of belonging. This goal is achieved through establishing a philosophy built on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity. We will explore the role of each of these in establishing a welcoming school. One that actively involves the participation of all stakeholders, parents, staff, and students. It will be a school that acknowledges that a diagnosis of special needs is not a defining factor of a student's potential. A comprehensive plan with specific strategies will be outlined so that a school with a strong sense of community can be established.

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Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Sheen A

The Florida Youth Council believes that Disability History is very important. In this session The FYC will demonstrate just how important Disability History is and how you can have fun while learning. Please join them for what will surely be an enjoyable and interactive session.

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Exploring New Territories with iPad Accessibility

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Sheen B

Presented by



This workshop provides an overview of accessibility options of the iPad and new operating system 5.0 as it relates to students who are blind/visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing, and students with multiple impairments. Various education and "fun" applications will be explored and shared. Participants are encouraged to bring iPads to follow along, and apps they would like to share with others. Applications have been selected based off our experiences using them with teachers, students, and parents across the state of Florida.

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Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Lake Virginia A

Come learn about the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's advocacy program, Partners in Policymaking. Partners is a leadership training program that helps individuals with developmental disabilities and family members become effective advocates and work with policymakers to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. Based on a national model, the overall goal of Partners is to develop productive partnerships between the people who use and need services, and those in a position to make policy regarding those services. Partners' participants learn from nationally-recognized speakers on a variety of topics, including how to navigate the state and federal legislative process. If you want to be a leader in your community or hone your advocacy skills, Partners may be for you!

Friday



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26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits: A Practical Approach from A to Z

Friday, June 15
 3:00-4:00
 Orlando IV

This session will provide you with key tools to help bring your marriage and relationship to new heights! It is a mega-dose of cut-to-the-chase tips that will inspire, strengthen, and encourage you! As usual, you'll get the "real deal" presented in a practical, insightful, and oftentimes humorous way. And, of course, let us not forget the built-in surprises... they will be even more exciting this year! We want all marriages and relationships to THRIVE, and this means a renewed commitment to "nourish" each other daily, and "cherish" your lives together! It all begins in the heart! Remember... keep L.I.F.E. in your marriage and relationship: Laughter, Intimacy, Faith, and Encouragement. The Streaters have been married nearly twenty-five years, and have three sons, Robert IV, 19 and 13 year-old twins, Richard and Ramon. Bob is also dad to a grown daughter, Alicia and granddad to two grandsons.

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Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Part I

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4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



How to Improve Feeding Skills in Children

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Concord A

Picture your family at meal times. Do you see yourself and your family eating together, sharing the same food, and finding a time to reconnect? Families with children often have concerns over feeding and meal times. Concerns with feeding always bring on feelings of stress and frustration, both from the family and the child. We will be giving you information to help feeding become easier and more successful, which will make your meal times more enjoyable.

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The Parent-Teacher Connection: What's That?

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Concord B

Parents of children with special needs have experienced a multitude of issues with their child long before their child has his or her first educational experience. Teachers generally have little or no concept of the emotional highs and lows, the fears, decisions, hurdles, and other experience that the family with special needs must navigate from the very beginning of their child's life (or from the onset of an injury, accident, or illness).

When an educator enters the child's life, it is important that the teacher understands that the child's needs and the parent's concerns are often inseparable. If the teacher "doesn't get it," the educational process is compromised, resulting in the loss of productive learning time as well as possible emotional and/or behavioral issues.

However, if the parent and teacher can reach a mutual understanding that puts the child's needs first, the parent-teacher connection will have been established.

We will attempt to discuss the need for such a connection, and how to achieve it, from both the parent/guardian's perspective, and from the perspective of the teacher/therapist/professional working with your child.

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It's Those Wonderful Rights!

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Down A

Characters from the holiday classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" assist in presenting this fun and interactive presentation about procedural safeguards. These provisions in compliance with the Individuals

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with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), protect parents' and students' rights with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE). With rights come responsibilities, and understanding their rights and responsibilities will help parents to become informed and active participants in the special education process. Come celebrate those Wonderful Rights!

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Disability Rights Florida...How Can We Help You?

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Down B

Learn what resources Disability Rights Florida can provide to you, empowering you to become a self-advocate and taking a proactive role in your own life. Learn problem-solving techniques, strategies for self-advocacy, and insight on new legislation that may affect persons with disabilities. Let us help you!

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The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Eola A

Statistics reveal that the vast majority of individuals with developmental disabilities will be the victims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation at some point during their lives. This presentation will explore the factors behind the alarming prevalence of such crimes committed against this population, identify common characteristics of perpetrators, provide tips for detecting and reporting the signs and symptoms of potential maltreatment, and offer concrete safety and prevention strategies that parents, caregivers, and self-advocates can implement immediately. An overview of the Agency's Zero Tolerance Initiative to End Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation against Floridians with Developmental Disabilities will also be provided.

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PWN? What, Exactly, Does That Mean?

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Florence A

Come join the group and learn about Prior Written Notice, and what that means for parents of students with disabilities. Of the many procedural safeguards (rights) that IDEA provides, Prior Written Notice is one that is extremely important for parents to understand. No change in any IEP, or services, or placement can take place without Prior Written Notice. Come join us, and bring your questions with you!

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What Fair Housing Means for People with Disabilities and Their Families, Part II

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake George A

Part II: Accessibility in Multi-Family Housing

New multi-family housing built for first use after March 13, 1991 must be designed and constructed to be accessible or adaptable to persons with disabilities. Oftentimes, these apartment buildings or condominiums buildings do not conform to federal law. This session will cover the technical design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act. Participants will learn what the requirements of the Act are, which properties they apply to, how to recognize properties that don't conform to the law, and where to report violations.

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Intro and Info on Adaptive/Inclusive Sports

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake George B

People with disabilities can participate and enjoy recreation with their family and friends. Each person has different interests and activities that inspire and motivate them. This session will provide information on how and where to participate in a variety of active leisure options, including adaptive paddling. You won't want to miss the excitement of the many options available to you!

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Can I Train My Own Service Dog? Pros and Cons

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Hart A

Is a service dog right for you? Service dogs can provide an individual with independence, confidence, and be very socially beneficial. The big question is, "Now that I have decided I would like a service dog, should I apply at an organization that provides service dogs, or should I train my own?" Learn the pros and cons of each so that you can make the correct decision for you.

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**Joyful Living, Is It Really Possible?**

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Hart B

Do you wake up on days wishing you had a one-way ticket—so you could 'get out of dodge'? Are you surprised at times of the things that 'come out of your mouth'? Do you feel that the world is crumbling around you and you wonder how you are still standing?

This workshop is based on a recent publication by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council entitled, *Easing Your Stress: A Guide for Caregivers of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*. The booklet's author and mother of a child with a disability, will present and discuss:

- Current research about the sources of stress for families who have a member with a disability,
- Stress and its connection to illness and disease,
- Gender differences,
- Children and stress, and
- Research-based approaches to easing one's stress

Participants will have the opportunity to practice three different approaches to easing stress. Come and find out what they are! Handouts will guide the development of your personal de-stress action plan.

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**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Highland B

Come join us and learn more about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact was developed in an effort to reduce the educational and emotional issues encountered when children of military personnel transfer from schools in one state to another. It addresses the difference in requirements among states involving immunizations, the entrance ages for kindergarten and first grade, exit exams, and graduation requirements. It also includes provisions dealing with participating in extracurricular activities, course placement, enrollment in highly capable programs, and other issues unique to the transitioning military family.

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John McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Louise B

The Department of Education's Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will present information about the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. This program was established to provide Florida parents and students with educational options, and operates under the premise that the parents should make decisions regarding their child's education. The program offers student-directed funding and parent-directed choices. The presentation will include: participation statistics, eligibility requirements, process for filing the intent, parent/student responsibilities, qualification requirements, and public school responsibilities.

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Just for Dads

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Mizell A

This session will be dads talking to dads about our issues.

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Be Ready, Be Safe: Disaster Preparedness for Military Families with Special Needs

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Mizell B

Each year thousands of people are injured due to a disaster. Lessons learned from past disasters have taught us that being prepared and following through on a disaster plan can make a difference in quality of life and even survival. Families of individuals with special needs face additional challenges as they attempt to respond and recover while addressing the many issues posed by their situation, such as getting the right medication, keeping their environment safe, or managing new behaviors or symptoms that arise out of chaos. Military families may also face a multitude of additional obstacles such as the emotional response in children caused by the crisis, unfamiliar surroundings due to recent placements, and parents who must take care of their family while a spouse is deployed. This workshop introduces the tools and guidance to assist military families to be prepared for disasters and able to respond and recover with a greater chance of survival.

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Pre-Need Consumer Guardianship, Guardianship, & Special Needs Trusts

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Monroe

Cradle To Grave – Money & Legal Documents for the Special Needs Family covering Pre-Need Guardianship, Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts, money available for minor children with special needs and for adults with special needs. Funds are available for minor children based upon the income of the parents, but once the child turns 18, the qualifications are based upon the income of the child with the disability. Also, adults with special needs can qualify to collect fifty-percent of the parents social security once the parent starts drawing social security and the amount increases to seventy-five percent upon the death of the parent.

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Aging and Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Nona A

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a broad overview of aging issues in the DD population. The presenter will then discuss general aging changes associated with major bodily systems. She will then talk about the Florida CDC+ program under the 1915(j) state plan amendment allowing individuals with disabilities and elder persons enrolled in certain Medicaid waiver programs to choose: WHAT services are needed, WHO provides services, WHEN services are provided, and HOW services are provided.

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Low-Tech & Digital Pathways to Literacy Learning

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Lake Nona B

Shelly will begin by introducing traditional literacy that can be applied with learners of all abilities--including those with developmental, sensory, physical, and multiple disabilities. She will reference several researchers who have addressed literacy for learners with disabilities (e.g., June Downing, Janice Light, Diane Browder, Karen Erickson) and identify promising practices. Shelly will emphasize application of techniques and practices. Shelly will emphasize application of techniques and strategies with literacy



learners of various profiles. Participants will be invited to ask questions and share personal challenges related to engaging students with disabilities in literacy learning. Examples of customized literacy learning tools will be shared.

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Surviving College

Friday, June 15
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 Lake Sheen A

College can be both a fun and scary place. Many members of The Florida Youth Council know this firsthand. Come and listen as they talk about their college experiences, both good and bad, and offer advice on how to not only survive college, but enjoy it as well.

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My Child has ADD/ADHD: Now What?

Friday, June 15
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Sheen B

This workshop will help parents that have children with ADD/ADHD with strategies and behavior management techniques to help their children be successful in school and life! Being an informed parent empowers you! This workshop will also provide information on websites and technology available for students with disabilities. This is a must-see workshop!

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The 14th Annual SUMMIT ON DISABILITIES

Friday, June 15, 2012

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Orlando Ballroom

Please plan on joining us for The 14th Annual Summit on Disabilities on Friday evening! The Family Café is committed to creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities to engage with policy makers and elected leaders. That's why we invite important figures from the disability policy world to hear directly from you at The Annual Summit each year.

This year, we are fortunate to be able to offer both a national and a statewide perspective on disability policy. The national policy conversation will be led by Janice Lehrer-Stein of the National Council on Disability (NCD) and Kareem Dale, the Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy within the Office of Public Engagement at the White House.

Join Janice Lehrer-Stein, Vice Chair of the National Council on Disability (NCD) – an independent federal agency that makes policy recommendations to the President, Congress and other federal agencies – as she shares insights on federal policies and proposals of importance to people with disabilities across the country – at home, at work, and in the community. NCD Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Kareem Dale, the Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy within the Office of Public Engagement at the White House, will also provide remarks. Kareem Dale is blind and grew up in Chicago. He graduated Cum Laude with his JD/MBA, became a successful lawyer and was appointed by President Obama as a Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy, the highest ranking position on disability ever to be created by a President. Before joining the Obama administration, he was the Managing Partner of The Dale Law Group. He also has been active in community service, serving as the past President of the Board of Directors for the Black Ensemble Theater in Chicago. He was recognized in the November-December 2001 issue of Ebony magazine as one of the 30 Leaders of the Future under 30.

The conversation on national issues will be followed by a discussion of Florida disability policy, with participation by representatives of the various Florida State Agencies that serve individuals with disabilities and their families.

We are also expecting a special surprise guest to join in our dialogue!

Of course, time will be reserved at the end for questions and answers from the audience.





Saturday, June 16, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Orlando Ballroom

Celebration of Life Ceremony

Giving Voice to Grief - Celebrating Lives - Experiencing Support

Come and join us in honoring our loved ones who have passed away – honoring their gifts, talents and contributions in making our world a better place – through an inspirational Celebration of Life ceremony that will include photos, music, art and poetry. Everyone will have the opportunity to write, draw, and/or color their own personal message on a 'leaf.' These personal messages will be read, turned into poetry and placed on a ceremonial "Tree of Life" planted in a turned buttonwood vessel commissioned for our celebration. Dr. Paula Lalinde will share her own journey back to wholeness, ending with a love song that will lift our hearts higher and higher.

All families who have experienced a loss will be honored during this ceremony, with a special tribute to Lizzy Barrows, a member of our Florida Youth Council who passed away this past year, and her family. Military families of children with special needs will also be recognized for their service and courage as they are a continual witness of loss. When your loved one passed away does not matter, love is eternal.

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Paula Lalinde, Ph.D. is the founder and CEO of Nothing Trumps Hope, LLC, an organization that brings hope and healing through a blending of energy medicine, the arts and psycho-social research. Dr. Lalinde is the Founder of Parent to Parent of Miami, Inc. and served as the director of a training program at the University of Miami, School of Medicine. There she developed and taught a curriculum on grief and loss after the passing of her daughter Alexandra in 1996.

Dana Pezoldt has her master's degree in Expressive Arts from the University of South Florida and has worked in hospice and pediatric oncology for a total of 13 years. She currently works for the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs where she manages the Community Grants Program and serves on the All Kids Included Committee. Ms. Pezoldt has consulted on N.T. Hope expressive arts projects for several years.

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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration Open, Convention Registration

Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

Scooter Rental Available, Lower Level, Next to Orange Ballroom

Dental Screening, Orange Ballroom

Wildlife Show by Gatorland, Orange Ballroom

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Arts & Crafts, Orlando V

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer

Pyramid Players, Foyer

FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

Children's Storyteller, Lake Virginia B

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The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer

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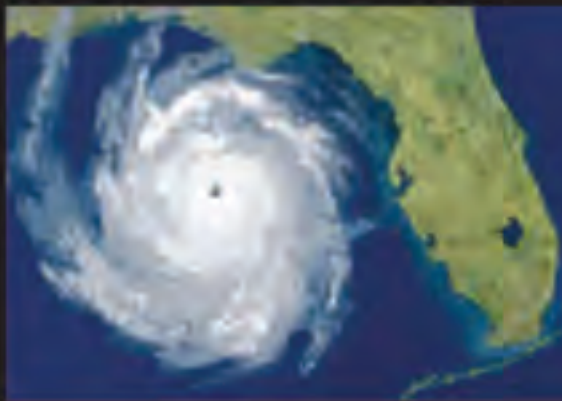
Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show, Orlando Ballroom

Paula and Dana with Their Helpers



Buttonwood Tree for Our Ceremonial Bowl





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So you think your family is prepared for a hurricane...

**WOULD YOU STAKE
YOUR LIFE ON IT?**

In the hours and days immediately following a hurricane, the top priorities for first responders and emergency personnel will be search and rescue and law enforcement. It's your personal responsibility to provide the first line of defense for your family.



ASK YOURSELF:

- ▶ Is your family prepared to be on its own for 3 days or more?
- ▶ Do you have enough food, water and other critical supplies for your entire family to last at least 3 days?
- ▶ Do you live in an evacuation zone? If so, do you have an evacuation plan?
- ▶ Do any of your family members have medical or other Special Needs?
- ▶ Do you have a plan for your pets?

IS YOUR FAMILY READY?



**IF NOT,
IT'S TIME TO
GET A PLAN!**



Log on to www.FloridaDisaster.org today to develop a free customized hurricane preparedness plan for your family. (See reverse for details.)

The first step toward protecting your family is to make sure you have a Family Disaster Plan.

Creating your own plan is simple and it only takes a few minutes. Just visit www.FloridaDisaster.org and click "Get a Family Plan." Completing the plan is as easy as doing an Internet search or downloading music. And having a plan for your family will help ensure their safety and comfort before, during and after a storm.

Once at www.FloridaDisaster.org, you will be asked to provide information about your home, your family, and pets. Using this information, the website will create a personalized Family Disaster Plan that you can print and save for future emergencies.

Included in your plan will be:

- ▶ Recommended amounts of food and water based on the size of your family.
- ▶ Contact information for your local emergency responders and maps of your local Evacuation Zones.
- ▶ Checklists of important steps to take before, during, and after a disaster.

Your Family Disaster Plan will also include detailed instructions on creating a disaster supply kit for your family.

This kit should include:

- ▶ At least three days worth of drinking water and non-perishable food for your entire family.
- ▶ At least three days worth of batteries for flashlights and radios.
- ▶ At least three days worth of vital prescription drugs.
- ▶ At least three days worth of diapers and essential baby supplies if you have small children.
- ▶ An outdoor grill and fuel.
- ▶ A generator with fuel.

Don't have Internet access at home? You can still get a plan.

Visit your local library and ask for assistance logging onto www.FloridaDisaster.org. You can create and print your plan from the library's public computer.

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY TODAY!

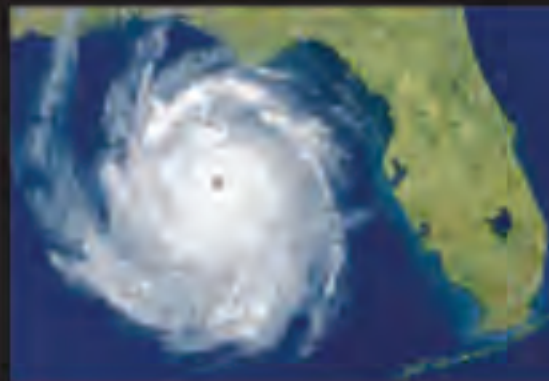
1. Log onto FloridaDisaster.org.



2. Enter in your personal information and answer a series of questions about your household.



3. Print your personalized Family Disaster Plan and review it with your entire family.



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Wildlife Show by Gatorland

Saturday, June 16
10:30-11:30
Orange Ballroom

Learn about wildlife native to Florida. Meet the reptiles and mammals up close and in person that you don't see every day!

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Baby Signs

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Concord A

The Parent Workshop is specially designed for parents of children from birth until they are able to talk, and is also a great resource for children with special needs of any age. It will teach you all you need to know to begin using the Baby Signs® Program at home. It reduces frustration and builds trust, allows babies to share their worlds, strengthens the parent/infant bond, reveals how smart babies are, helps babies learn to talk, boosts babies' self-confidence, promotes positive emotional development, and jumpstarts intellectual development.

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The Transition IEP – It's Much More than Paperwork

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Concord B

As families, we dream of our children becoming successful in transitioning to adulthood. The law requires that starting no later than the age of 14, through graduation from public school at age 19-22, the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) changes its focus and expands to become a Transition IEP (TIEP) document to help the team plan for a student's post school life in the areas of community participation, independent living, employment, adult education, and post-secondary education. Student and family leadership is critical to improving outcomes and opportunities. Tools and techniques for engaging in the process, getting connected, and building an extended team, while developing a map to the future, will be presented.

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Saturday





How to Be Your Best Self-Advocate

Saturday, June 16
 11:00-12:00
 Lake Down A

Tricia Riccardi, Florida Self Advocacy Alliance Chair and Developmental Disabilities Council Member, and Amanda Baker, FL-SANDS Chair and Florida Self Advocacy Alliance member, explore the topics self-advocates and family members need to know to best advocate for their rights. Topics such as “How to approach your legislators,” “Why self-advocacy is important to you,” will be presented, and also, get your questions answered about being the best advocate you can be. We’ll also explore how to join the movement.

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Guardianship, Guardian Advocacy, and Alternatives: Youth with Developmental Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood

Saturday, June 16
 11:00-12:00
 Lake Down B

This presentation will provide information about the decision-making alternatives for children with developmental disabilities as they enter adulthood and providing them with decision-making assistance in the least restrictive ways possible. Specifically, alternatives to guardianship including powers of attorney, banking options, medical surrogate, and representative payee options for Social Security benefits will be discussed. Additionally, the guardianship and guardian advocacy processes will be explained and explored.

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Tax Planning for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 16
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Parents of children with special needs incur a myriad of expenses for their child or adult, including therapies, educational training, tutoring, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications, and medical supplies.

Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by tax professionals who are unfamiliar with the types and categorization of qualified expenses. These unique tax benefits may entitle parents to additional refunds.

Learn how to identify these often missed tax deductions, and other tools available, to save on your family’s federal and state income tax. Includes a basic review of the tax implications of various types of Special Needs Trusts.

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Scoliosis in the Child with Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 16
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Lake Florence A

The lecture presented will clarify the cause, need for treatment, and treatment options in the growing child with cerebral palsy who develops scoliosis. The presentation provides knowledge for families of children with neuromuscular scoliosis, which can be quite progressive, deforming, and life-threatening, if not addressed in an appropriate and expedient manner. The goal is to provide the audience with a good, solid understanding of the importance of appropriate treatment, and the treatment options available.

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APD's Outreach Efforts

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Florence B

APD is intensifying its outreach efforts to stakeholders and customers throughout the state. Come and learn about APD's community outreach efforts to work with each Area Office, Family Care Councils, and various others.

You will then have the opportunity to share your opinions about the needs within your own communities and determine ways to address some of the concerns.

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Engaging and Participating in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake George A

This presentation will provide parents with an overview of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), an evidence-based model of schooling that uses data-based problem-solving to integrate academic and behavioral instruction and intervention. Attendees will learn the important role families play in MTSS in order to support positive outcomes for all students. Families will learn what they can expect from a school implementing MTSS along with strategies for participating and engaging in MTSS. Finally, resources and tools to support family engagement in MTSS will be shared.

Saturday



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Horses Can Make Miracles

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A child with cerebral palsy takes his first steps, after riding a horse! A child with autism whispers his horse's name, his very first words ever! An adult with dementia, who doesn't speak at home, carries on a conversation while driving in the wheelchair-accessible carriage! A person who is blind learns to ride independently and performs in a drill team on horseback! An incomplete Quad rides in speed events such as barrel racing at horse shows!

These are only a few of the miracles that have been witnessed while children and adults participate in therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving classes. The rhythmic motion of the horse can help improve strength, coordination, and balance for individuals with physical disabilities. It also helps improve confidence, self-esteem, and increased attention span for those with mental or emotional disabilities. But, most importantly, it provides the feeling of freedom and independence while on a horse.

Join us for this presentation and learn about the "MAGIC" that horses provide for people with disabilities.

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In My Life

Saturday, June 16
 11:00-12:00
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I am a high school graduate with several disabilities and I plan on going to college and getting a degree in mechanical engineering. I will explain how I was able to cope with my disabilities along with my challenges, and how I was able to overcome each of them. I will also explain how I had to advocate for myself when it comes to my disabilities. I hope to strike inspiration as I explain who I am and what I have done, and what I hope to accomplish for myself in my life.

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Keeping the Behaviorally Challenged Student in School Learning

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11:00-12:00
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Students with challenging behavior spend time out of the classroom missing out on important instructional time. Many students are suspended for manifestations of their disability and the function of their behavior is often misunderstood. This presentation will focus on the student's behavior, when to request a Functional Behavior Assessment and Positive Behavior Intervention Plan. Also covered will be how to draft a meaningful positive Behavior Intervention Plan. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Autism Across America: Stories of the Autistic Experience Across the Nation

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Highland A

Autism Spectrum Disorders come in all shapes and sizes. Their functioning levels and their deficits vary from person to person. As a self-advocate with autism who travels around America to consult and give presentations on autism, I have met individuals with autism with varying functioning levels and from many parts of America. In this presentation, I will share the stories of those individuals with autism I have heard while on the road, as well as my own adventures living on the road with autism. I hope that these stories will help show families impacted by autism that they are "not alone."

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Kids Connect!

Saturday, June 16
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This session is for military and non-military children. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) supports youth when their parent is deployed through various youth activities and programs throughout the state. Come have a fantastically unbelievable never-gonna-forget-it time with us and meet the children of those serving our great country. Make a treasure box or a paracord Friendship bracelet. Additional information packets may be available with other activities for youth. Youth will be required to complete a registration card to help OMK contact you with future programs in your area.

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Tourette Syndrome in the Classroom

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Louise A

"Tourette Syndrome in the Classroom" is a presentation by the Tourette Syndrome Association of Florida, Inc. for parents and educators, which focuses on explaining Tourette Syndrome (TS) and its associated co-morbid disorders and their effects on classroom learning. TS is often accompanied by OCD, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), and other learning disabilities. Information will be provided regarding IEP and 504 plan accommodations, as well as strategies for the home and classroom environments.

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Home Schooling for Person-Centered Education

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
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Florida allows parents to home school their children. Parents have quite a bit of freedom to direct their children's education. Children across Florida are home schooled and are entering and succeeding in college and the work force. Home schooling offers parents a real opportunity to develop a person-centered education plan for their child. You are in charge of the education and the educational opportunities available to your child. Parents have the opportunity to customize their child's curriculum to meet their specific needs. You have the opportunity to provide just what your child needs to integrate into the community upon their graduation.

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National Council on Disability Listening Session

Saturday, June 16
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Fresh off of her keynote Friday night, National Council on Disability (NCD) Vice Chair Janice Lehrer-Stein, and three additional Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Members of the Council, invite you to join them for a listening session to learn from you, the experts of your own lives. NCD is interested in hearing about concerns and solutions to the issues affecting your families to better inform work the agency does. NCD Members will meet with interested Family Café participants for two (2) one-hour sessions, organized topically. To enable the Council to hear from as many interested people as possible,



comments may be time-restricted. More details will be announced closer in time to the event and during the Friday keynote.

Everything Families with Special Needs Should Know About Legal Issues

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Mizell A

This presentation will provide families who have loved ones with special needs with a road map for creating a plan that will help them achieve their goals. We will discuss and explain: how guardianship and guardian advocacy will allow an adult relative to make financial and medical decisions for an individual with special needs; why parents should create an estate plan (i.e. Will or Trust) that contains a special needs trust to hold the inheritance for a child with special needs; how a special needs trust can successfully enable an individual with special needs to maintain their government assistance; and explore the different types of government benefits programs that are available to individuals and children with special needs.

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Emergency Preparedness for Individuals – Baking It In

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Mizell B

There is a saying that all disasters are local. While this is true, preparing for disasters is personal. This session will help you learn to prepare your family for disasters and increase the chances of being a survivor. Nobody wants to think a disaster will happen to them personally. However, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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Making the Connector: Medicaid and Quality Assurance

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Monroe

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a broad overview on how the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Delmarva Foundation work together providing quality assurance for waiver participants. It takes all three partners that have three specific roles to make it all work. Participants will learn the roles of the Agency for Health Care Administration, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and Delmarva in ensuring quality assurance of the waiver program.

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Look at All This Paperwork!

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Nona A

Parents and professionals are often overwhelmed by the amount of information that has to be considered in the process of identifying services for children with disabilities.

This fun and interactive workshop provides a page-by-page explanation of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) document, and the factors that are considered in developing the plan.

Topics discussed include: present levels of academic achievement and functional performance, special factors, transition, and more.

If you have questions about the IEP document, this is the workshop for you!

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Outreach to Veterans: Resources and Networking

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Nona B

The number of disability-related issues facing Veterans has escalated recently to an alarming rate. Perhaps more than ever, Vets face issues such as Post Traumatic Stress disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Sexual Abuse, and Substance Abuse. This presentation is designed to provide a roadmap to the many resources that can help. Speakers will introduce the organization and mission of Disability Rights Florida. They will then describe various sources of information and organizations that might be helpful to Veterans and their families. An extensive question and answer period will end the session and provide opportunities for those in attendance to share their experiences and expertise.

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Saturday





Advocacy 101

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Sheen A

In this session the members of The Florida Youth Council will go over what it means to advocate for yourself and for others. The members will also give firsthand accounts of their own experiences with being advocates.

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Collaboration: Getting Through the Rapids

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Lake Sheen B

This workshop will discuss the importance of collaboration between parents, school staff, and other professionals in the educational setting. The session will also discuss what the participants need to understand about making collaboration work and what they can do to make it successful in the educational setting.

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Meet Monica Verra-Tirado, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Orlando IV

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services supports education programs for students with disabilities and coordinates student services throughout the state. The Bureau participates in inter-agency efforts designed to strengthen the quality and variety of services available to students with special needs. During this session participants will receive an update on some of the latest initiatives and activities of the Bureau.

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Saturday





Food and Fun for Our Brains

Saturday, June 16
 11:00-12:00
 Orlando V

Early Steps staff, consisting of Infant Toddler Developmental Specialists and Service Coordinators, will host an all-inclusive playgroup in the natural environment to build our minds and strengthen our bodies using items we find in our everyday homes.

“Come one, come all, and we will share in English, Spanish, Creole, and signing fun.”
 Parents and Caregivers, siblings, infants and toddlers, and Early professionals, are welcome to come and participate in activities aimed at helping young children explore, create, and further develop their senses, while expanding their imaginations. Caregivers and children will have the opportunity to meet and interact with others in the playgroup setting.

Our staff hopes you will come and join us for some food for your brains and fun for your bodies!

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Making it Work – Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Saturday, June 16
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 Orlando VI

This session will highlight two of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation programs that serve and support individuals with significant disabilities: supported employment and supported self-employment.

These services are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to choose employment options.

Success increases when individuals are informed and aware of their options and play an active role in designing and implementing their plan.

This session will:

- Define supported employment and supported self-employment services
- Discuss designing support services to meet individual needs
- Describe a way that natural supports can be used to enhance outcomes
- Connecting specialized interests to employment options

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Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim.net with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to avoid sad water-related outcomes. We are a Miami-Dade benefit charity and congratulate Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez for their advocacy.

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12:30 to 1:00 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Orlando V

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Baby Signs – Spanish

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Concord A

The Parent Workshop is specially designed for parents of children from birth until they are able to talk, and is also a great resource for children with special needs of any age. It will teach you all you need to know to begin using the Baby Signs® Program at home. Reduces frustration and builds trust, Allows babies to share their worlds, Strengthens the parent/infant bond, Reveals how smart babies are, Helps babies learn to talk, Boosts babies' self-confidence, Promotes positive emotional development, Jumpstarts intellectual development.

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Saturday



Parents and School Districts Problem Solving Together

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 Lake Concord B

This session will incorporate problem-solving procedures with communications skills that parents and school districts can use to work together for the educational benefit of students. Participants will have an opportunity to share helpful strategies with the group. In addition, the presentation will include data and information regarding exceptional student education (ESE) monitoring and dispute resolution in Florida.

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Sailing Through Transition

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My child is turning three and leaving the Early Steps program. Now what's going to happen? What are my options? Where and how does my child receive services? What steps do I need to take to ensure the best for my child? If you find yourself asking these questions, then this workshop is for you. Family Resource Specialists Sue Loftis and Laura Mainor will do their very best to answer these questions for you. This workshop, part of the New Star training series, was written by and for families. Through parent-to-parent support we help one another.

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Choosing Work: Everybody Works – Everybody Wins!

Saturday, June 16
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 Lake Down B

This session will discuss the top 10 reasons why working while receiving a Social Security Disability Benefit or Supplemental Security Income benefits may be for YOU. The programs under which SSA provides a disability based benefit will be discussed to provide a foundation of the employment support programs, the Ticket to Work Program, and the resources available in our state to assist you. Did you know that you can maintain your Medicare, your Medicaid, or even your cash benefits if you know all the rules? If you have any fear of working, attend this session. Remember: Everybody Works and Everybody Wins!

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Developing a Legal, Financial, and Family Vision for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Eola A

Raising a child or children with special needs brings with it many unforeseen gifts, but also poses some serious challenges, both now and into the future. Many families report grave concerns about what will happen to their child or children with special needs as the parents/caregivers age, and eventually pass. Having a family special needs plan that takes into consideration the legal, financial, and family intentions for someone with special needs takes a concerted effort, but can also result in far greater peace of mind, knowing you now have things in place for the future. Please join Tom and Kevin, experienced special needs planners, as they share their insights, expertise, and strategies to help you better understand how you can take proactive steps to create your family's special needs plan.

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Sign Language Myth-Busting

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Eola B

Break through the myths and discover the ease and benefits of using sign language to stimulate and enhance communication in hearing children. Learn some signs you can use right away. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of sign to begin to enjoy its benefits. Come play and sign with us!

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Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Florence A

What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)? The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview and updates of the program. This presentation will include the enrollment and the CDC+ handbook for the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program. The second half of this session will be lecture-free to allow the audience to ask questions.

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Saturday



Developmentally Delayed and Going to College!

Saturday, June 16
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Students with intellectual disabilities are going to college? Yes they are! Come hear a presentation on the exciting work of Project Achieve. We are providing vocational and workforce certificate training to students in an inclusive, post-secondary environment. Project Achieve's services to students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are leading to sustainable, independent employment in industries that are difficult to access without industry specific training. This is a pilot project that is developing a new pathway to post-secondary education by taking students with disabilities into programs previously inaccessible to this population. Come hear exciting stories of success and plans for future expansion.

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**Sexual Health for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism:
 Why is it So Important & What Can You Do About It?**

Saturday, June 16
 1:00-2:00
 Lake George A

Parents and caregivers of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) often have so much on their minds that teaching sexual health falls on the backburner. But it is a natural part of being human. However, the subject of sexuality can be daunting for someone with an intellectual disability. Most caregivers and educators find themselves feeling totally unprepared to deal with this subject matter. Unfortunately, lack of proper sexual health education may lead to grave consequences with IDD, including sexual abuse and inappropriate sexual behaviors. This session includes facts, a resource manual, and teaching tips when addressing the sexual health of individuals with IDD.

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Intro to Adventure Sports/Zip-line for Persons of All Abilities

Saturday, June 16
 1:00-2:00
 Lake George B

Learn about all that is possible! All ages and abilities are welcome. You do not need any experience.

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Practical Skills to Overcome Stress

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Hart B

Are you overwhelmed by the challenges that accompany having a child with special needs? Come and learn tips for overcoming stress that accompanies the fast-paced lifestyle with multiple demands on your time. Dianne is a single parent of an adult son with multiple disabilities. Come and learn from the experience and insights she has developed with negotiating medical appointments, work, church, community activities, and community resources. Hear practical faith-based strategies that will strengthen, encourage, and inspire you. You will learn how to recognize stress, take positive steps towards solution, and get off the road to overload. Dianne Brown is a Life Coach and Licensed Mental Health Counselor with over 17 years of experience. She is dedicated to sharing hope and encouragement with families that have kids and adults with special needs.

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Bullying in Our Schools: A Dialogue for Nurturing Environments

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Highland A

Bullying within schools is a critical issue facing students nationwide. Data shows that bullies focus on peers who seem vulnerable, passive, and different. In particular, students with disabilities are targets. Disability harassment can have a profound impact on students, raise safety concerns, and erode efforts to ensure that students with disabilities have a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as mandated by Federal law. The IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title II of the ADA will be discussed. This workshop will offer an open and meaningful dialogue between session participants, Conflict Resolution Specialist, and Special Education Advocate in an effort to make recommendations for positive change in facilitating safe and nurturing environments for all students.

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Meet Your Exceptional Family Member Program Personnel

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Highland B

Have you connected with your EFMP? Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) personnel from multiple service branches and military bases in Florida talk about the role of the EFMP and answer your questions. Come and meet us and learn more about how we can help your family!

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Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated Transportation: A National Model in Florida

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Louise B

Come and discover why Florida is number one in the country when it comes to providing transportation services. You will learn what your options are as well as where and how to go about accessing transportation services in your community. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and hopefully gain solutions to your transportation challenges.

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National Council on Disability Listening Session

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Lucerne

Fresh off of her keynote Friday night, National Council on Disability (NCD) Vice Chair Janice Lehrer-Stein, and three additional Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Members of the Council, invite you to join them for a listening session to learn from you, the experts of your own lives. NCD is interested in hearing about concerns and solutions to the issues affecting your families to better inform work the agency does. NCD Members will meet with interested Family Café participants for two (2) one-hour sessions, organized topically. To enable the Council to hear from as many interested people as possible, comments may be time-restricted. More details will be announced closer in time to the event and during the Friday keynote.

**Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items**

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Mizell B

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and use of free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit, and then finally, learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate, or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily that can be used.

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Advocacy 101 – A Basic Overview of Appealing Medicaid Services

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Monroe

This presentation will empower family members as well as stakeholders by familiarizing them with the administrative hearing process to challenge Medicaid service reductions or denials. Participants will receive a resource manual about self-advocacy in administrative appeal hearings, specifically Medicaid service issues. In addition, participants will learn about basic procedures to initiate an appeal; how to prepare for an appeal; as well as who is present during an administrative appeal. This information will be presented in the form of a sample case, so that participants will see how the process works, as well as what to expect at each state, and there will be ample opportunity for questions.

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Liv's Hope: A Family's Journey of Hope, Inspiration, and Love

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Nona A

Olivia Hope Scheinman is a seven-year-old twin born with a brain malformation resulting in epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and severe learning disabilities. She was also blessed with an infectious smile and an incredibly strong will to live. Please join Olivia, her twin sister Hailey, and her parents to hear their inspirational story of how they have worked as a team to overcome the difficulties of living with a child with disabilities, and their journey through their new "normal." Together they have weathered many obstacles and have stayed positive in order to make a difference in the lives of others.

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Dyslexia: The Challenges, The Achievements, The Possibilities

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Lake Nona B

Do you or someone you know have dyslexia? Would you like to know what resources are available and how to help? Come along with Kaila Hatton, a high school student with dyslexia, and her mother, as they share what they have learned in their journey of not only coping with, but also in learning to embrace the strengths endowed by dyslexia. Having dyslexia comes with its share of challenges that can impact not only reading, but also self-esteem, family dynamics, and other areas of life. Where can parents and educators turn for credible research-based resources? Understanding what appropriate interventions, remediation, and assistive technologies are available and understanding self-awareness and determination can enable students to know how they learn and to advocate for themselves and become active participants in their own educational outcome. Learn how focusing on strengths, while mitigating challenges, can empower students' success.

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Navigating Your IEP Jeopardy

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Sheen A

The FYC knows that the Individual Education Plan (IEP) is very important for students with disabilities. To help students better understand and take charge of the IEP process, The Florida Youth Council created a guide called Navigating your IEP: Are You on the Right Track Towards Your Future? Join The FYC as they walk through the IEP guide and discuss the IEP process in what will surely be a fun and interactive way.

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Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Lake Sheen B

The Letting Go workshop examines the importance of encouraging independence in a child with special needs. The workshop also discusses how hard it can be for parents to step back and offer the increasing levels of freedom to the child to allow the child to develop that independence. Finally, the training offers some ideas for parents in learning how to let go in a constructive fashion.

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Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Orlando IV

This inspiring faith-based session is designed to help families cope with the daily challenges that life brings to each of us. Recognize and understand the importance of how having Faith and Hope in your family will keep it spiritually healthy and strong. Know that better days are ahead! Come with expectations and experience this truly uplifting session. "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Saturday



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TEEN APSE: Teenagers Coming Together to Talk About Employment

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Orlando VI

This presentation will provide the audience with an overview of TEEN APSE, an exciting new organization in Florida where Teens with and without disabilities are getting together to talk about employment. At 13-years-old, Caitlynn recognized that people with disabilities didn't have the same opportunities as people without disabilities when it came to getting jobs. She started talking to some friends about it and decided she wanted to get young people more involved. After getting approval from the National APSE organization to form TEEN APSE, Caitlynn held the first meeting with both middle and high school students in attendance. One person even Skyped into the meeting. Come hear what TEEN APSE is all about, and find out how teens in your area can be a part of this exciting group.

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- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** **The Faith Center International Choir**, Foyer
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Children's Storyteller**, Lake Virginia B

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Low Tech and High Tech Tools for Infants and Toddlers

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Concord A

Presented by Early Steps Family Resource Specialists in English and Spanish, this workshop will show you some easy low-tech ideas to help your developing infant or toddler, using everyday items around your home and creating items by recycling. We will also share some of the ideas and fascination of using high-tech tools (such as the iPad) with your child, in addition to the cautions and concerns of using these items too much with children under the age of three.

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Saturday



Exceptional Theater Company – Reaching for the Stars (Adults)

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Concord B

The workshop, "Exceptional Theater Company—Reaching for the Stars," will be conducted by its actors. ETC is designed to teach drama to anyone with special needs. The class uses techniques in improvisation, movement, and music. With easy, fun exercises, the actor has the opportunity to express ideas and feelings. It provides a setting for inclusion with the involvement of the entire community as volunteers, known as shadows, who are usually high school students receiving community service hours. Several presentations take place throughout the year.

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Hemispheric Integration Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Neurology Approach!

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Down A

Dr. Nelson Mane will speak on the latest advancement of Hemispheric Integration Therapy with regard to ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you are not familiar with the concepts of Epigenetics, Neuroplasticity, Temporal Coherence, Motor Cognitive Binding, or Hemisphericity, then you need to attend. If you have tried treatments such as A.B.A., D.A.N. Protocols, H.B.O.T., Visual or Auditory Therapy, or Sensory Integration Therapy, and did not get the results you wanted, we still may be able to help. In fact, if you have experienced improvement with one of these therapies, we may be able to enhance those results. If you would like your child to get more out of tutoring, we may be able to help. Come find out why. Have the doctor answer all your questions!

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Barefoot Doctoring: The Heart of Foot Whispering and Perfecting Posture

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Down B

For thousands of years, the foot has been recognized as the area with concentrated energy pathways and the easiest and most effective place to begin to restore lymphatic fluid flow, release toxins, and encourage circulation. The foot is also known as the body's second heart—as incorrect or weak foot movement can cause an accumulation of acidic metabolic waste. This presentation shows how to correct this, increase sense of touch in feet and hands, and aid the body's pump in the foot (the plantar fascia windlass) with a proper sequence of movement.

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Provide for Your Child and Still Plan Your Retirement

Saturday, June 16
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Lake Eola A

Joe is a nationally recognized educator in this very specific type of planning. This presentation will examine how to plan your retirement and provide support for your loved one with special needs. It will also touch on such topics such as: protection of government benefits, wills, different types of trusts, how HIPAA laws can affect direction of care, health care surrogates, living wills, durable power of attorney, how to fund a special needs trust, guardianship, accepting a financial gift-what not to do, and finally, you will have the opportunity to receive a letter of intent via email after attending this presentation. Presenting at The Family Café for years, this is truly a session not to be missed. An hour of your time—a lifetime of information! This presentation was standing room only for the last three years.

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Dadvocates

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Florence A

In 1994, a small group of fathers founded the first Florida fathers group, "Father to Father of Collier County." We did not fit into the mold of traditional support groups that were designed by mothers, and began to meet together as dads. We started with planned community outings with our children. It gave us time with our children and an informal time to talk to each other. I developed the "Dadvocate" workshop, and my first workshop had three dads present. My seventh workshop had standing room only! I learned much from the fathers in those workshops. I realized that dads were being overlooked, and I created the "Father's Network."

It is my hope that through this interactive presentation fathers will be encouraged to become involved in the lives of their children by being "Dadvocates."

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How to Start a Social Skills Group in Your Community

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Florence B

Children with disabilities are often left out of normal peer activities. Meet a mother who got tired of waiting on the sidelines and started her own social group. Nancy Basile, a mother of three, two with special needs, started a bowling social in Charlotte County. This session will give you information on how

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to get started. You will learn how to connect with families, get community participation, start an email listing, and advertise through schools, agencies, and providers.

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Introduction to Active Parenting NOW (Ages 5-12) and Active Parenting of Teens (Ages 12-18)

Saturday, June 16
 2:30-3:30
 Lake George A

This workshop will provide an overview of the nationally recognized Active Parenting Program. In a series of six workshops, parents receive guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children into opportunities for growth. Learning objectives include: styles of parenting; clear, honest communication; respectful discipline techniques; building self-esteem; preventing risky behavior and helping your child resist peer pressure; problem-solving methods; decreasing power struggles; and handling anger. Parents learn how to become an encouraging parent and much more. Active Parenting helps families make positive and realistic changes in their family's daily routine to gain greater happiness at home!

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Recreation Assistive Technology

Saturday, June 16
 2:30-3:30
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Discover the latest in recreation assistive technology and adaptive sports. This will be a hands-on session where participants can experience the latest in tools and toys.

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Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Saturday, June 16
 2:30-3:30
 Lake Hart A

Based on the "New Star" Training of Early Steps, this presentation has been created by Eliana Tardio—Family Resource Specialist of Early Steps and mother of two children with Down syndrome—for families and children with special needs who have recently been diagnosed, and for those who need a guide to overcome fears and start dreaming new dreams.

A practical guide on how to become involved, how to overcome the diagnosis, how to gain confidence, and how to keep motivated and walking to the future with hope.

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Family-to-Family Education Program

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Hart B

The Family-to-Family course consists of a series of classes for family members of adults with serious and persistent mental illness, as well as those whose behaviors suggest such a diagnosis. It is designed to help families face the challenges of brain disorders and find support, resources, and coping strategies. The course is provided free of charge. Family-to-Family is an experiential education course on mental illness that meets twelve weeks, two and a half hours per week. The course uses a combination of lectures, interactive exercises, and group processes. The curriculum consists of Brain Biology, Schizophrenia, Major Depression, Mania and Schizo-Affective Disorder, Mood Disorders, Basics about the Brain, Problem-Solving Skills, Medication Review, Empathy and Understanding, Communication Skills, Self-Care, Recovery, Advocacy, Review and Evaluation.

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Florida Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Waivers

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Highland A

This presentation provides an overview of Florida Medicaid eligibility and Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver programs. Participants will learn how Medicaid and waiver eligibility is determined, application processes, and service coverage and limitations. Emphasis will be placed on Medicaid information specific to the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services Waiver programs. The presentation focuses on the processes involved with obtaining Medicaid eligibility, choosing a Medicaid plan, and a summary of Medicaid waiver programs.

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Saturday



Resources for Military Families

Saturday, June 16
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Lake Highland B

Come and learn about resources available for military families who have a child with special health care needs. We are here to support you!

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You Can Do It!

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Louise A

Have you been told you can't do something or had people tell you what you're capable of doing? Want to be included in everyday things and be accepted? Well, this is the presentation for you! Learn how a young man with cerebral palsy is included in things and gets included. You will learn about his many obstacles and how he conquered them. You will then learn how you can do things to inform people that it's your life and no one else's! You will learn how you can get yourself included in things—work, social events, and anything else you would like to be a part of—but right now are not accepted or told you are not capable. Learn the way Thomas forced his way in to be included in whatever he wants to, and ways you can get there too.

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Independent Living and Managed Care... What Can It Mean For You?

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Lake Louise B

Disability advocates are leading the way for Community Living and Olmstead implementation initiatives. Based on six foundational principles, a panel of presenters will engage in a discussion on how to successfully incorporate independent living philosophy and principles of self-determination with health care and long-term services and supports, self-direction, employment emphasis, and self-advocacy from stakeholder and consumer perspectives.

These 6 principles act as a foundation for discussion around the collaborative efforts to increase community living options while increasing home and community-based services; increasing efforts around outreach, informed decision-making, and self-advocacy; and, employment outreach and accessibility.

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Lucerne

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the Annual Conference, the Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Cerebral Palsy. Sessions on Autism and Down Syndrome will also be held on Friday and Saturday.

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Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Mizell B

This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster and what they need to put in their disaster to-go kit.

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Meet APD Director Mike Hansen

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Monroe

Governor Rick Scott appointed Michael Hansen director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in August of 2011. Come and hear Director Hansen's priorities for the agency in the coming year.

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Saturday



2012 Legislative Update and Advocacy Tips

Saturday, June 16
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 Lake Nona A

The presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disability Council's 2012 Legislative Platform and the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2012 Legislative Session.

The presentation will include the Council's preparation for the 2013 Legislative session and advocacy techniques for consumers and families who want to learn about the legislative process and educate their legislators about the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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There's an App for That 2012!

Saturday, June 16
 2:30-3:30
 Lake Nona B

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This session provides an overview and introduction into the world of Apple apps and the potential that they can offer students with organization, time management, reading, communication, stress relief, note-taking, and just for the fun of it! Learn about all the possibilities that these little applications can offer. Assistive technologies can, at times, be expensive, cumbersome, and downright un-cool. Cell phones, iPod Touch, and iPads have a cool factor that can be used to your advantage while you prepare individuals to transition to the next level of independence. Learn about the engaging potential of apps through this interactive presentation.

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The Real World: Your Life – Leaving Home and Independence

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 Lake Sheen A

Come join some of The FYC members as they share how they transitioned from High School into the real world. They will share what went well, what went badly, and how they became more independent. At the end, you will have a chance to ask them questions, so that you can better prepare yourself for the real world.

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Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Lake Sheen B

This session for moms will explore some of the reasons why dads do the things that they do, related to family involvement. Then the session will look at strategies that moms can use to help encourage dad to be more involved with a child with special needs and the additional responsibilities that often surround raising the child.

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Employment Begins in High School

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Orlando VI

This presentation is designed for youth (16 to 22-years-old) and their families. Students often need at least two years of transition activities before they graduate high school. A troubled economy has reduced already limited resources available to those needing services. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation works with the local school district to help students plan and prepare for a meaningful career. Proper information early on is often the difference between students that are prepared and those who are not. Learn the difference between students that are prepared and those that are not. Learn what you need to begin the transition from school to work, and get what you need to be successful.

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The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Logging Your Journey: Getting Organized and Communicating Effectively to Maximize Your Child's Potential

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Concord A

Presented by Early Steps Family Resource Specialists in English and Spanish, this workshop will inspire you to get organized and take control of the mountains of paperwork that come along with your child's unique needs. We will share our strategies and record keeping systems to help you and we will share information to help you better communicate your wants and needs within the Early Intervention System. Participants will receive a package of information including binder to get you started with getting organized.

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Exceptional Theater Company – Reaching for the Stars (Children)

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Concord B

The workshop, "Exceptional Theater Company—Reaching for the Stars," will be conducted by its actors. ETC is designed to teach drama to anyone with special needs. The class uses techniques in improvisation, movement, and music. With easy, fun exercises, the actor has the opportunity to express ideas and feelings. It provides a setting for inclusion with the involvement of the entire community as volunteers, known as shadows, who are usually high school students receiving community service hours. Several presentations take place throughout the year.

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Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Medicine Approach

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Down A

This presentation will deal with using concepts of how functional medicine is applied to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Although this is a presentation on biomedical interventions, this is not your routine "Defeat Autism Now!" Protocol. If you have questions such as: why is my child on antifungal medication six months out of the year? Why are the vitamin doses so high? And, what are the proper steps and pitfalls of chelatin? All these questions and more will be answered.



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Let's Just Do It!

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Florence A

This session will help motivate everyone to have the attitude of "Let's Just Get It Done." We will discuss: 1. Reasons we don't just do it, 2. Actions for not doing it, 3. Motivation, 4. Advocacy, 5. Getting results and being heard. Everyone is welcome to this session.

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The Face of Schizophrenia

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Florence B

Muriel is the parent of Kimberly, age 29, and Michael, age 21. Muriel has lovingly and diligently advocated for Michael, who was diagnosed at age 4 on the autism spectrum, and at age 14, diagnosed with schizophrenia. Muriel will share her journey with her son as she continues to navigate the adult mental health system, ensuring her son continues to flourish to the best of his ability and receive the appropriate support and services necessary to his mental health wellness.

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Service Dogs in the Mental Health Community

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake George A

Service dogs can assist people with mental illness and autism to live a full and independent life while being included in their community. Learn the roles of animals in recovery including pets, therapy dogs, emotional support animals, and service dogs. See how a service dog can benefit a person with mental illness or autism. An overview of state and federal laws will be provided, along with information on ways to acquire a service dog. There will be open discussion with service dog owners to answer any questions you may have.

Saturday



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Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Hart A

Based on the “New Star” Training of Early Steps, this presentation has been created by Eliana Tardio—Family Resource Specialist of Early Steps and mother of two children with Down syndrome—for families and children with special needs who have recently been diagnosed, and for those who need a guide to overcome fears and start dreaming new dreams.

A practical guide on how to become involved, how to overcome the diagnosis, how to gain confidence, and how to keep motivated and walking to the future with hope.

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Saturday

When The Team Can't Come to Consensus, What's Next?

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Hart B

Miscommunications can often lead to IEP break down. It can be very difficult dealing with the intricacies of negotiating such a sensitive area. Parents need to understand how to resolve disagreements and the benefit of mediation as a tool for conflict resolution. Due Process is not always a viable solution. This presentation will cover how to work toward resolving disagreements between the parent and the school. We will also address informal conflict resolution and mediation, State Complaints, Office of Civil Rights Complaints, and Due Process Hearings. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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The Road Through Child Find

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Highland A

This workshop will help parents navigate the road through the FDLRS Child Find Process. The goal of Child Find is to assure that all children, 0 through 21, who need special education and related services, receive a free appropriate education.



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Child Find is the entry point for ESE services for birth-to-five-year-old children and their families. Child Find also provides free screenings for children ages 3-5 who may have special needs. The screenings are coordinated with the area preschool assessment teams. The screening results may indicate a need for further evaluation and will assist in the determination of program need.

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Warrior Speaks! A Wounded Warrior's Inspirational Journey

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Highland B

Come and meet a Wounded Warrior, and learn about how he has coped with his injuries and the resulting challenges he has faced in his journey from the battlefield, back home, and to today. His inspirational story will motivate and encourage you and your family to positively deal with challenges that you may be facing.

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A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Louise A

This session will be based on one person's experience as an individual with a severe disability. You will hear what has worked and what didn't work, which will help you develop a plan for yourself. Some of the topics covered will include how to benefit fully from services that are available, and knowing what those services are (i.e. Supported Living, Supported Employment, In-Home, Adult Day Training, Companion, Respite, Personal Care Assistant, etc.). You will also hear about how to self-advocate and what rights you are entitled to.

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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Lucerne

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the Annual Conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

Saturday



This roundtable session will be dedicated to Down Syndrome. Sessions on cerebral palsy and Autism will also be held on Friday and Saturday.

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Emergency Preparedness for Individuals – Baking It In

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Mizell B

There is a saying that all disasters are local. While this is true, preparing for disasters is personal. This session will help you learn to prepare your family for disasters and increase the chances of being a survivor. Nobody wants to think a disaster will happen to them personally. However, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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How to Develop a Personal Budget that Works

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Monroe

Smart Money is a presentation that everyone can benefit from. Attendees will learn how to build, customize, and maintain a personal budget that works for their situation. Attendees will also learn how to adjust their budget to accommodate unforeseen life events, and saving for specific purchases. This presentation will feature a banking specialist who will provide information to attendees about how to find a bank that fits their needs, how to open a bank account, and which type of bank account may be best for their lifestyle.

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Piecing It All Together: IEPs, Transition, and Reasonable Accommodations

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Nona A

This presentation on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) development process focuses on transition, reasonable accommodations, ADA auxiliary aides and services, assistive technology and support services leading to employment. Advocate, paralegal and parent Connie Serafin, will present concrete instruction on how to advocate for appropriate technology-related educational services. Training

Saturday



materials for this session are designed to help children with disabilities and their families, professionals, and others identify and acquire reasonable accommodations under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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Successfully Interacting Socially (Youth Only)

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Lake Sheen A

Interacting with your peers can be a challenging experience. Throw in a disability, and the experience becomes much more challenging. This session is all about how The Florida Youth Council members have dealt with the challenge of interacting socially. Join The FYC as they break interacting socially into categories and provide valuable insight based on their own experiences.

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Saturday



Can We Be Better Prepared as Advocates for our Children?

Saturday, June 16
 4:00-5:00
 Lake Sheen B

We walk into medical offices and IEP meetings and deliver our information with the best intentions. We roll with the punches, ups, downs, twists and turns—because we have to, as parents. Can we be better prepared? In this session we will look at: (a) what we know and how to share our information; (b) how we can be better prepared to advocate for our children; (c) why we need to take certain directions to gain more benefit for our children. We will also look at the special consideration for our children with multiple disabilities.

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Karla's Kookies, A Dream Come True

Saturday, June 16
 4:00-5:00
 Orlando IV

In this interactive presentation, you will join a “decorate your own cookie/cupcake party.” While attendees have fun, pretending to be invited guests at this party, they will hear from team members regarding their expertise and how they have assisted Karla to be a very active business owner. In addition to birthday parties, Karla's Kookies is able to host any type of event, where the warm, delicious aroma of freshly baked cookies makes the party a success.

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Encouragement for Today's Resilient Woman

Saturday, June 16
 4:00-5:00
 Orlando VI

This is your very special invitation to attend an inspiring session for all women desiring in their hearts to keep the family bond strong and healthy. It is always rewarding when we are able to come together to share and learn, inform, motivate, and encourage each other. We purpose in our mind, heart, and soul that our families deserve all the love and commitment that we are able to give on a daily basis. This session will ignite the burning desire to take better care of ourselves, so we can care for the precious ones who are so important in our lives. Yes, there are those days that we can feel a bit overwhelmed but we are resilient! As women, we don't give up, nor do we give in to the pressures of life. It is not an option! Whatever comes our way, we will gain the needed strength to deal with it. Rest assured, this interactive session will not disappoint. Join Malverna Streater, Motivational Mom & Strengthening Family Training Coach, for a session that will leave you feeling renewed and energized. There will be an array of “stuff” included to make it a very enjoyable time. Remember, the best is yet to come! See you there!



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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show, Orlando Ballroom

Saturday



Saturday ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS



12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

FRIENDS Chorus began in March of 1989 with 11 members. In the next twenty two years we have grown to over 50 members from 10 different schools in Martin County. The group consists of members with mild to severe disabilities. Each student is expected to perform to his or her personal best. Students with severe disabilities are expected to stand appropriately on the risers and sign as they can, students that are nonverbal are taught to sign, students with moderate to mild disabilities are taught to sign and sing.

The goals of FRIENDS are:

- To increase the awareness of the abilities of people with disabilities
- To promote inclusion of people with disabilities in the non-disabled community in employment, recreational activities, housing and educational opportunities
- To increase self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities

For more information about FRIENDS or to schedule a performance, contact Conney Dahn dahnc@martin.k12.fl.us or 772 232-3500 x204.

The **Pyramid Players** are back for the fifth consecutive year, more entertaining than ever. A crowd favorite at The Family Café each year, five musical and dance groups will entertain in the hallway each day between sessions, and Pyramid's Sunshine City Rock Band will open for the dance band on Saturday night. A highlight of this year's lineup is an appearance by the Pyramid Blues Lab, a show-stopping collaboration of Pyramid blues musicians, and two internationally performing bluesmen.

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer



Mr. Richard, Children's Storyteller

Mr. Richard's first children's album, "Might as Well Sing", recorded in 2005 won him many awards and recognition including Parent Magazine and the Children's Music Web Awards Best Recording for Children ages 5-8. Richard's latest album includes whimsical musings for dancing kids and hip parents with a mix of styles. When Mr. Richard isn't doing special performances he can be seen around Central Florida singing with children at local bookstores during story time. Mr. Richard will be performing on Saturday, June 16th for four 20 minute performances, 2:00-2:20, 2:30-2:50, 3:00-3:20, and 3:30-3:50. Don't miss out on this wonderful musical experience for toddlers, young children, and parents alike!

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Richard, Children's Storyteller, Lake Virginia B

Create a Festive Summer WindSock

Participants will decorate and personalize their own unique windssock using a variety of materials. The finished wind sock can be hung on a porch or patio where it can ride the gentle breeze. This particular craft is great for parents and children to make together.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Orlando V



The Faith Center International Choir has always had a passion to sing to the glory of God, but has made many changes over the last 3 years. Under the leadership of Joyce Hamilton and Eve Josephs the decision was made to perform songs written and inspired by the individual testimonies of choir members themselves. Over the last two years we have written over 15 songs, some of which are being compiled by The Tate Music Group to be released by the end of the year in what we pray

will be an awe inspiring production. Several months ago we also pledged to use our voices and music as a vehicle to help raise money for children with Autism, and we are planning a concert at the Sunrise Theatre to help children diagnosed with Autism. We are so grateful to be in partnership with Autism Speaks as we endeavor to make a difference. We ask everyone to pray for great success as we go forward.

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Faith Center International Choir, Foyer



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Sunday, June 17, 2012

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Orlando Ballroom

Join us on Sunday morning for a special advance viewing of the new documentary film *Wall: The Journey Up*. It stars Stephen Wampler, the first person with Cerebral Palsy to climb El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, a vertical face that's over twice the height of the Empire State Building. Although he can't walk, and can only use one limb, his right arm, he can grasp with his left arm. So he did 20,000 pull-ups and slept on the mountain for 5 consecutive nights to get to the top, despite being exhausted to the point of hallucination and unconsciousness.

Throughout his journey, Steve was motivated by his desire to prove to kids with disabilities all over the world that they can achieve ANYTHING they want. His ascent of El Capitan shows people with disabilities that they can not only take advantage of the great outdoors, but embrace it.

The film follows his struggles and triumphs, both physically and mentally, as he ascends the wall with the generous help and dedication of his guides, Tommy Thompson and Dave Lane.

Please join Stephen Wampler, a husband and father of two children, along with his family for a viewing of this inspirational film, and a conversation about disability, the outdoors, and overcoming any obstacle you might face in life.

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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- Rubber Duck Race on the Lazy River
- Games / Fitness

Everyone is invited to participate!

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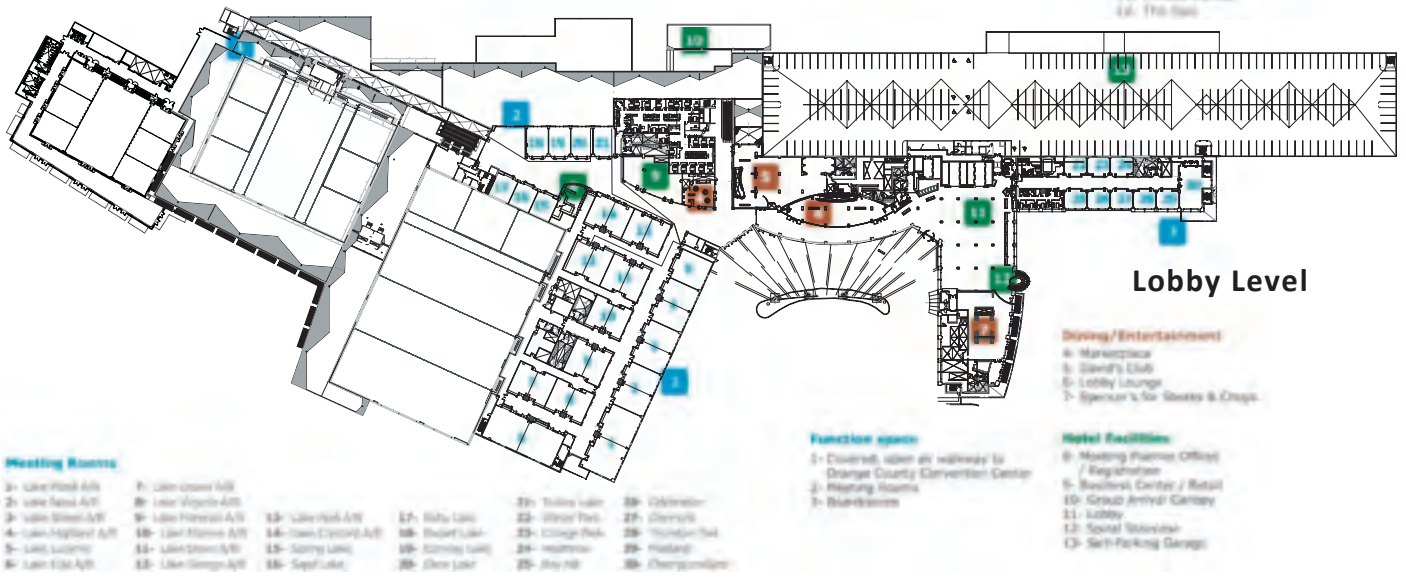
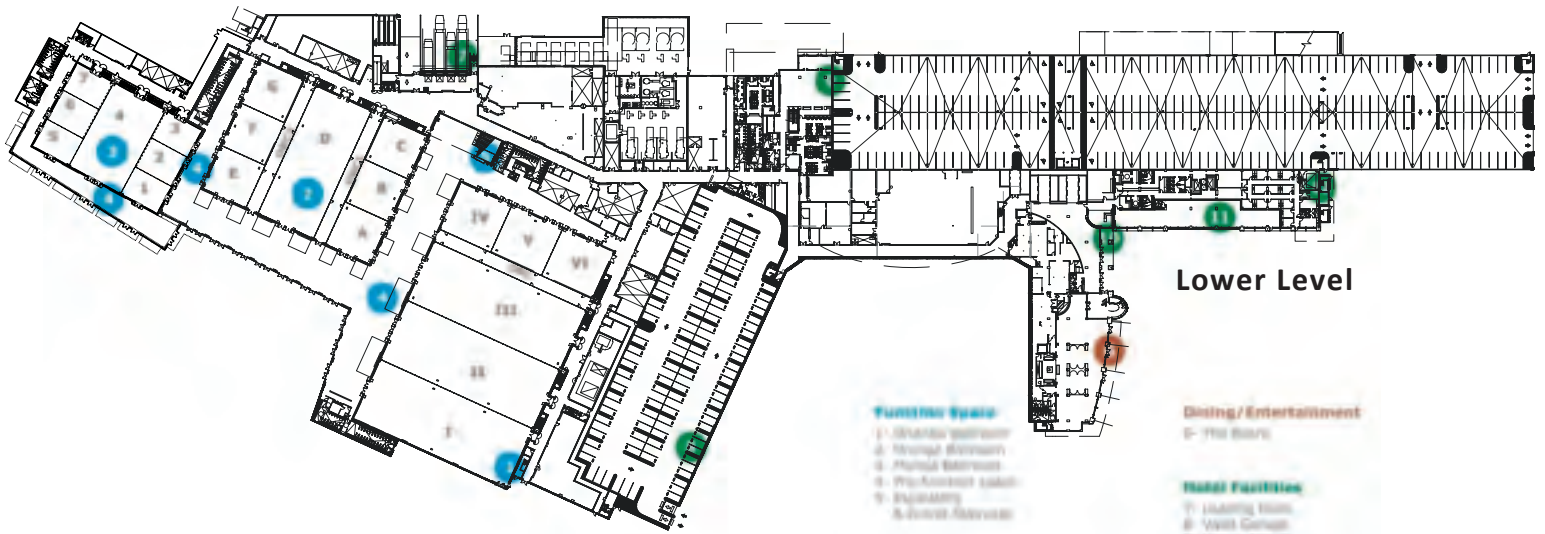
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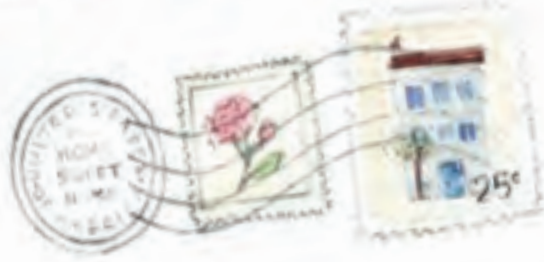
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